



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

Diplomatic Note 2017/1

Annual Contributions 2017

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... and has the honour to refer to the following.

Following the adoption, at the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (COP12, Punta del Este, Eastern Republic of Uruguay, 2015), of the Convention budget for 2016-2018, the Secretariat has prepared invoices for the payment of annual contributions by the Parties. The 2017 invoice is enclosed with the present Note.

Annual contributions to the core budget of the Convention are assessed and invoiced annually on the basis of the percentage contributions paid by Member States to the United Nations budget, proportionally adjusted to reflect the current Contracting Party membership of 169 Parties, and subject to a minimum annual contribution of 1,000 Swiss Francs.

In accordance with the financial rules of the Convention, Contracting Parties are requested to pay the attached invoice for assessed contributions, in Swiss Francs, by **20 February 2017**.

The Secretariat takes this opportunity to also enclose a current statement of contributions received and any contributions which may be outstanding.

Instructions for payment by bank transfer or cheque are included on the invoice and statement.

Countries of Africa addressed in paragraph 23 of Resolution X.2, adopted at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Changwon, Republic of Korea, 2008), will also find enclosed a further invoice for a possible voluntary contribution.

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present Note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of ... the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 20 January 2017

Encls: Invoice for 2017 annual contribution
Statement of contributions
(For Contracting Parties addressed in Resolution X.2 paragraph 23) Invoice for a possible voluntary contribution

