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Diplomatic Note 2020/5

Postponement of the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Wetlands to 26-30 October 2020

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission and has the honour of updating it regarding the scheduling of the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention.

The 58th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC58) has been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and will now take place from Monday 26 to Friday 30 October 2020, at the headquarters of the Convention Secretariat in Gland, Switzerland.

Taking into account the directives of the Swiss authorities, the expected continuing status of confinements and travel restrictions across the world, and the fact that international meetings taking place from June to August have been either cancelled or postponed, the Standing Committee determined that it would not be possible to hold SC58 from 22 to 26 June 2020 as initially planned, and has selected the new dates of 26 to 30 October, with meetings of the Committee's subgroups and working groups to be held on Monday 26 October.

A revised agenda for the meeting will be published on the Convention's website, at <https://www.ramsar.org/event/58th-meeting-of-the-standing-committee>, three months in advance of the rescheduled date.

The membership of the Standing Committee and its sub-groups and working groups is published on the Convention's website at <https://www.ramsar.org/about/current-standing-committee-2018-2021-members>.

The Secretariat requests that nominated observers representing States not party to the Convention and seeking observer status at the meeting complete the preregistration process by **17 August 2020**. Those which have already preregistered for the meeting do not need to do so a second time. As noted in Diplomatic Note 2020/3 issued on 25 February 2020, for preregistration an official nomination letter signed by the Head of the relevant Government Agency or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be uploaded indicating the names of the representatives/head of the delegation of the State.

The online preregistration system is accessible at: <https://contacts.ramsar.org/register-sc58>.

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 the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 8 May 2020

