

**Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
2nd Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
Groningen, the Netherlands
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Recommendation 2.1: Submission of National Reports

RECOGNISING that only 13 of the 35 Parties to this Convention had submitted national reports to the Bureau by 31 March 1984,

AWARE that the submission of timely and detailed national reports is of vital importance for the purpose of monitoring implementation of the Convention and for the purpose of sharing information on wetland conservation measures taken, on any problems which have arisen and on appropriate methods of dealing with them,

CONCERNED that all Parties should submit detailed and timely reports in future,

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RECOMMENDS that all Parties should submit detailed national reports to the Bureau at least six months prior to each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the Bureau should draft a simplified version of the questionnaire upon which national reports are based with a view to making the reports easier to prepare while at the same time ensuring that they reveal the information desired.