Recommendation 4.11: Cooperation with international organizations

WELCOMING the statement by the observer from the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) concerning OECD projects on wetlands and their economic values;

TAKING NOTE of the statement by the observer from the Commission of the European Communities on the European Economic Community’s wetland conservation and wise use activities both in the member States of the Community and in developing countries, notably Contracting Parties to the Lomé Convention;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

CALLS for closer cooperation with OECD, notably as regards exchanges of ideas between ecologists and economists, and the improvement of cost/benefit analysis of projects affecting wetlands;

STRONGLY SUPPORTS the establishment of closer links with the Commission of the European Communities with a view to facilitating combined action for conservation and wise use of wetlands in Community Member States, and provision of technical assistance for wetland conservation and wise use of wetlands in developing countries; and

EXPRESSES INTEREST in developing similar partnerships with other concerned international organizations.