### Decisions of the 48th meeting of the Standing Committee

**Agenda item 2: Review and adoption of the Provisional Agenda**

**Decision SC48-01:** The Standing Committee adopted the agenda for **SC48** (DOC. SC48-01 Rev.2 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee Provisional Agenda), as amended.

**Agenda item 3: Admission of observers**

**Decision SC48-02:** The Standing Committee admitted the observers listed by the Secretary General.

**Agenda item 4: Report of the Management Working Group**

**Decision SC48-03:** The Standing Committee approved the report of the Management Working Group (noting that substantive outputs from the MWG would be addressed later in the agenda of SC48).

**Agenda item 5: Report of the Strategic Plan Working Group**

**Decision SC48-04:** The Standing Committee approved the report of the Strategic Plan Working Group (noting that the substantive outputs of the Group’s work would be discussed later in the agenda of SC48).

**Agenda item 6: Progress with preparations for COP12: Report of the Subgroup on COP12**

**Decision SC48-05:** The Standing Committee approved the report of the Subgroup on COP12.

**Decision SC48-06:** The Standing Committee approved the provisional agenda for COP12 (DOC. SC48-13).

**Agenda item 9: Report of the Secretary General and Secretariat Work Plan for 2015**

**Decision SC48-07:** The Standing Committee noted the report of the Secretary General and approved the Secretariat’s Workplan for 2015.

**Agenda item 10: Report of the STRP Chair**

**Decision SC48-08:** The Standing Committee noted the report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel.
Decision SC48-09: The Standing Committee approved the report of the Chair of the CEPA Oversight Panel (recognising that detailed consideration of the DR and CEPA Work Programme 2016–2021 would take place under a later SC48 agenda item).

Agenda item 12: Report on Communications

Decision SC48-10: The Standing Committee noted the report of the Secretariat with regard to Communications.

Agenda item 13: Report on Partnerships

Decision SC48-11: The Standing Committee noted the report of the Secretariat with regard to Partnerships.

Agenda item 8: Report of the Subgroup on Finance

Decision SC48-12: The Standing Committee approved the report of the Subgroup on Finance, including all of the Subgroup’s recommendations. Specifically, the Standing Committee:

– approved the Subgroup’s proposed reallocation of the 2014 core budget surplus and confirmed that the status of the reallocations would be reviewed at SC49;
– recorded its thanks to all Parties and partners that had made voluntary contributions in 2014;
– agreed to minor changes in the COP11 approved core budget for a variety of line items (as shown in the Subgroup Chair’s report);
– thanked Uruguay for its prompt transfer of funds for COP12 preparations;
– took note of the need to raise a further CHF 1.2 million to support COP12 delegate travel;
– requested the Secretariat not to launch a call for Small Grants Fund proposals in 2015;
– took note of the current status of Parties’ outstanding annual contributions and encouraged the Secretariat, working with Finance Subgroup members, to continue to take actions to resolve this issue;
– took note of the measures taken by the Secretariat to reduce outstanding contributions;
– decided not to apply punitive measures to Parties with outstanding contributions;
– approved the draft budget scenarios for 2016–2018 for presentation to COP12;
– requested the Secretariat to add a CEPA line and a Strategic Plan line to the draft non-core budget items outlined in Annex 2 of DOC. SC48-20 Rev.1, and to provide background documentation to support all items listed in the non-core budget in advance of COP12;
– requested the Secretariat to provide Parties with a document that outlined the additional costs to each Party under the 2% and 4% scenarios, using the 2016 assessed contributions as the baseline, as well as an organization chart stating employment percentage and grade of position in advance of COP12.

Draft Resolution SC48–03 Rev.1 Rules of Procedure

Decision SC48-13: The Standing Committee approved forwarding DOC. SC48-03 Rev.1 Rules of Procedure, as further amended by SC48, for consideration at COP12.
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Draft Resolution SC48-27 Rev.1 Conservation of Mediterranean Basin island wetlands (submitted by Greece)


Draft Resolution SC48-29 Rev.1: Ramsar City Accreditation (submitted by Tunisia / Republic of Korea)

Decision SC48-22: The Standing Committee approved the forwarding of Draft Resolution DOC. SC48-29 Rev.1 Ramsar City Accreditation, as further amended by SC48, for consideration at COP12.

Draft Resolution SC48-31 Rev.1: Peatlands, climate change and wise use: Implications for the Ramsar Convention (submitted by Denmark and supported by Finland)

Decision SC48-23: The Standing Committee approved the forwarding of Draft Resolution DOC. SC48-31 Rev.1 Peatlands, climate change and wise use: Implications for the Ramsar Convention, as further amended by SC48, for consideration at COP12, while noting the reservations of Brazil and Islamic Republic of Iran.

Draft Resolution SC48-21 Rev.1: Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance

Decision SC48-24: The Standing Committee approved the forwarding of Draft Resolution DOC. SC48-21 Rev.1 Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance, as further amended by SC48, for consideration at COP12.

Draft Resolution SC48-24 Rev.1: Regional initiatives operating in the framework of the Ramsar Convention

Decision SC48-25: The Standing Committee approved forwarding, without further amendment, Draft Resolution DOC. SC48-24 Rev.1 Regional initiatives operating in the framework of the Ramsar Convention for consideration at COP12.


Decision SC48-26: The Standing Committee approved the forwarding of Draft Resolution DOC. SC48-22 Rev.1 Resource Mobilization and Partnership Framework of the Ramsar Convention and an Application for IOP Status, as further amended by SC48, for consideration at COP12.

Draft Resolution SC48-30 Rev. 1: Call to action to ensure and protect the water requirements of wetlands for the present and the future (submitted by Mexico)

Decision SC48-27: The Standing Committee approved the forwarding of Draft Resolution DOC. SC48-30 Rev.1 Call to action to ensure and protect the water requirements of wetlands for the present and the future, as further amended by SC48, for consideration at COP12.
Draft Resolution SC48-28 Rev.1: *Wetlands and disaster risk reduction (submitted by the Philippines)*

**Decision SC48-28:** The Standing Committee approved the forwarding of Draft Resolution DOC. SC48-28 Rev.1 *Wetlands and disaster risk reduction*, as further amended by SC48, for consideration at COP12.

**Agenda item 16: Other matters**

**Decision SC48-29:** The Standing Committee approved the Reports of Days 1 & 2 of SC48 (subject to inclusion of a correction tabled by Denmark), and requested the Chair to review and approve the Draft Report of Day 3 prior to the circulation of the full report to Parties. The Standing Committee also noted the report of the closed session of the Management Working Group (26 January 2015).