

Draft resolution on World Wetlands Day

Submitted by United Arab Emirates

Action requested:

- The Standing Committee is invited to review the attached Draft Resolution for consideration by the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Draft Resolution XIII.xx

World Wetlands Day

1. RECALLING the Conference, where the 'Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat', hosted by Iran's Game and Fish Department from 2nd February to 3rd February 1971, in Ramsar, Iran was held and agreed by representatives from 18 nations.
2. FURTHER RECALLING that the Convention was signed in Ramsar on 3 February 1971;
3. AWARE of the comprehensive nature of the Convention's Communications, Education, and public Awareness (CEPA) Programme established by Resolution XII.9 for the period 2016- 2024.
4. RECALLING that Resolution XII.9 (2015), on The Ramsar Convention's Programme on communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA) 2016-2024, which RECOGNIZES the growing celebration of World Wetlands Day in a large number of countries, and URGES Contracting Parties to continue, or to begin, to use this occasion to bring attention to their achievements and continuing challenges in wetland conservation and wise use;
5. CONGRATULATING the 90% of parties which reported celebrating World Wetlands Days;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

6. WELCOMES the celebration of World wetlands Day in a growing number of countries;
7. INVITES the United Nations General Assembly to consider declaring 2nd February, the date of adoption the Convention of Wetlands, of each year as World Wetland Day.; and
8. INVITES Parties, the Ramsar Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme and international organizations and non-governmental organizations with an interest in Wetlands to facilitate cooperation and information exchange in support of 2nd February as World Wetland Day.