

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

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RESOLUTION VI.15: AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AS OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. NOTING the need to bring the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention in line with the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Parties under other more recent Conventions, in particular the Convention on Biological Diversity;

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2. DECIDES to replace the present Rule 2 (2) by the following text: “Any body or agency, national or international, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands, which has informed the Bureau of its wish to be represented at meetings of the Conference of the Parties, may be represented at the meeting by Observers, unless at least one-third of the Parties present at the meeting object”;
3. DECIDES to replace the present Rule 2 (6) by the following text: “Bodies or agencies desiring to be represented at the meeting by Observers shall submit the name of these Observers to the Convention Bureau at least one month prior to the opening of the meeting”; and
4. REQUESTS the Standing Committee to conduct a thorough review of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties in the forthcoming triennium, with a view to proposing to the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties a revised set of Rules of Procedure in harmony with those of other international environmental conventions.