

**Agenda item 11**

**COP10 outputs requiring action or review by Standing Committee**

**Action requested:** The Standing Committee is invited to note the range of actions requested of it by COP10, and to advise on how to address those actions not covered elsewhere in the SC41 agenda.

1. In the table annexed to this note, the Secretariat has compiled the list of actions adopted in COP10 Resolutions which require action or review by the Standing Committee during the 2009-2012 triennium.
2. Almost all of these actions have been addressed by the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee or are being addressed under different agenda items of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee. These are noted in the annexed table.
3. There are, however, two actions required of the Standing Committee concerning implementation of the Strategic Plan 2009-2015 (in Resolution X.1 paragraph 10) which will need the Committee's attention at either this 41<sup>st</sup> meeting or need to be brought forward for consideration at its 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting in 2011. These actions are as follows:
  - i) Assess progress and any difficulties in implementing the [Strategic] Plan at each [SC] meeting; and
  - ii) Conduct a mid-term review of progress and to propose adjustments, if necessary, [to the Strategic Plan] to be submitted to COP10.
4. The Standing Committee may wish to comment on implementation progress and any difficulties (3.i above), including in relation to the information provided in the Report of the Secretary General (DOC. SC41-17).
5. Concerning the request to the Secretariat and Standing Committee to conduct a mid-term review of progress and the consequent development of any proposals for adjustment, any such a review might need to be considered by the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee in 2011, so as to permit any proposals to be prepared for COP11 consideration.
6. However, the established mechanism for reviewing and considering Strategic Plan implementation progress and issues is that of the submission by Parties of their National Reports to Conference of the Parties, with the global and regional analyses and overviews prepared by the Secretariat from these National Reports being provided to the COP as Information Papers.
7. It would therefore seem unhelpful to Contracting Parties to seek to undertake a parallel process of any such review at the same time during 2010/2011 that they will be compiling

their COP11 National Reports. Rather the Standing Committee, under SC41 agenda item 15 on the draft COP11 National Report Format, may wish to consider including a section in the format to permit Parties to indicate any proposals for adjustments to the Strategic Plan from their implementation experience to date, so that these may then be compiled and reported to COP11.

## Annex

### COP10 Resolutions: Actions for the Standing Committee (including its Subgroups, committees, working groups and panels reporting to the SC)

Note. Below each listed action, the source COP10 Resolution and paragraph number is indicated, along with the nature of the mandate, and to whom it is addressed for action.

Strategic Plan	Comments
Take on the renewed challenge of implementing the Strategic Plan 2009-2015 through its strategies and key result areas. [X.1: 9. URGES all Contracting Parties, the <b>Standing Committee</b> , the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, the Ramsar Secretariat, the Convention's International Organization Partners, and the regional initiatives]	Ongoing through the overall work of the Standing Committee
Assess progress and any difficulties in implementing the [Strategic] Plan at each [SC] meeting. [X.1: 10. REQUESTS the <b>Standing Committee</b> ]	This action needs consideration under this Agenda item 11.
Conduct a mid-term review of progress and to propose adjustments, if necessary, [to the Strategic Plan] to be submitted to COP11. [X.1: 10. REQUESTS the Secretariat and the <b>Standing Committee</b> ]	This action needs consideration under this Agenda item 11.
Finance & budget	
The <b>Subgroup on Finance</b> , as established by Resolution VI.17, shall continue to operate under the aegis of the Standing Committee and with the roles and responsibilities specified in that Resolution. [X.2: 11. DECIDES that the <b>Subgroup on Finance</b> ]	SC41 Agenda item 8
Change budgetary allocations between budget lines in the light of significant positive or negative changes during the cycle to the rates of inflation and interest income projected in the budget, with the reservation that in no case shall such reallocations affect line items pertaining to Regional Initiatives or be detrimental to the work of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP). [X.2: 13. AUTHORIZES the <b>Standing Committee</b> , with the advice of its <b>Subgroup on Finance</b> ]	SC41 Agenda item 8
The contribution of each Contracting Party to this budget [...] except in the case of Contracting Parties which, in applying the UN scale, would make annual contributions to the Ramsar Convention budget of less than CHF 1,000, in which case the annual contribution shall be that amount. The difference between the assessed contribution for these Contracting Parties according to the UN scale and the	SC41 Agenda item 8

<p>minimum threshold of CHF 1,000 shall be allocated, when actual payments have been effected, to another budget line or lines of the core budget, on the advice of the Standing Committee's Subgroup on Finance.</p> <p>[X.2: 15. DECIDES, on the advice of the Standing Committee's <b>Subgroup on Finance</b>]</p>	
<p>At its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting [the Standing Committee] should further consider options for dealing with Parties that are consistently in arrears with payments to the Convention.</p> <p>[X.2: 17. AGREES that the <b>Standing Committee</b>]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 8 (DOC. SC41-6)
<b>Changwon Declaration</b>	
<p>Utilise the "Changwon Declaration" in their future work and establishment of priorities, and also to use their own means and all other relevant opportunities actively to promote the Declaration.</p> <p>[X.3: 14. STRONGLY URGES the <b>Standing Committee</b>, the STRP, the Ramsar Secretariat, CEPA National Focal Points, regional initiatives operating under the framework of the Convention, the International Organization Partners (IOPs) and others]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 13.1 (DOC. SC41-22)
<p>Consider development and inclusion of indicators in the National Report Format for COP11, where feasible, concerning the dissemination and uptake of the "Changwon Declaration" and report on this to Contracting Parties and others, noting that in some cases, indicators related to the Strategic Plan may also be relevant as indicators for the Changwon Declaration.</p> <p>[X.3: 17. INSTRUCTS the Ramsar Secretariat and <b>Standing Committee</b>]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 15 (DOC. SC41-24)
<p>Advise the Secretariat on their experiences of the uptake of the [Changwon] Declaration in order to inform the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties.</p> <p>[X.3: 18. REQUESTS the <b>Standing Committee</b>, the STRP, CEPA National Focal Points, regional initiatives operating under the framework of the Convention, the International Organization Partners(IOPs), and other interested parties]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 13.1 (DOC. SC41-22)
<b>Management Working Group &amp; its Transition Committee</b>	
<p>The establishment of the Management Working Group is reaffirmed into the future and ADOPTS the revised text in the annex to this Resolution for the operative paragraphs of Resolution IX.24, in order to remove time-limited language from that Resolution.</p> <p>[X.4: 5. REAFFIRMS the <b>Management Working Group</b>]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 6
<p>A Transition Committee of the MWG to meet just prior to the first full business meeting of the new Standing Committee following each COP, with an agreed agenda and for the purpose of allowing the outgoing SC officers to brief the incoming officers on customary practices and outstanding issues</p> <p>[Note. Transition Committee Members: the outgoing and the newly-elected Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Standing</p>	Undertaken at SC40

Committee and Chairs of the Subgroup on Finance, with the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General <i>ex officio</i> Chair: the incoming Chair of the SC] [X.4: 6. ESTABLISHES a <b>Transition Committee of the MWG</b> ]	
Ensure that any financial implications that may be associated with this briefing session [of the Transition Committee of the MWG] will be as low as possible. [X.4: 8. URGES the <b>members of the Transition Committee</b> ]	Undertaken at SC40
<b>Ramsar Secretariat status</b>	
<b>Secretariat legal status</b> The open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the terms of reference attached in the Annex [to Resolution X.5] will evaluate the success of steps already taken and recommend additional ways of improving the current operations of the Secretariat and determine whether the Secretariat should be provided by UNEP. The Standing Committee may authorize the Working Group to consider the alternative possibility of the Secretariat becoming an independent international organization, should this course be recommended by the Working Group on completion of its primary tasks. [X.5: 12. ESTABLISHES an open-ended <b>Ad Hoc Working Group</b> , reporting to the <b>Standing Committee</b> ]	SC41 Agenda item 14
a) authorize the Secretariat to implement any recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group with which the Standing Committee agrees and which can be given effect without a decision of the Conference of Parties, and b) report to the next Conference of Parties its recommendations on the conclusions of the Ad Hoc Working Group which require a decision by the Conference of Parties. [X.5: 13. DIRECTS the <b>Standing Committee</b> ]	SC41 Agenda item 14
<b>Regional Initiatives</b>	
Examine and approve, between meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, new initiatives selected from those which fully meet the Operational Guidelines listed in the annex to this Resolution [X.6] as operating within the framework of the Convention. Such new approved initiatives should be reported to the following COP. [X.6: 9. AUTHORIZES the <b>Standing Committee</b> ]	SC41 Agenda item 9 (DOC. SC41-13)
Determine the levels of financial support to individual initiatives for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 through this budget line during its [SC] annual meetings at the beginning of these years, based upon updated financial and work plans to be submitted in the required format and in good time prior to the annual meetings, and following the specific recommendations made by the Subgroup on Finance. [X.6: 11. DECIDES that the Standing Committee, with recommendations from Subgroup on Finance]	SC41 Agenda item 9 (DOC. SC41-13)
All initiatives under the present Resolution, and particularly those funded from the core budget, to submit to the Standing Committee annual reports on progress and operations of the	SC41 Agenda item 9 (DOC. SC41-13)

<p>initiatives concerned, and specifically on their success in fulfilling the Operational Guidelines.</p> <p>[X.6: 12. INSTRUCTS all [regional] initiatives to submit to the <b>Standing Committee</b>]</p>	
<p>Particularly in relation to those [regional] initiatives funded by the core budget, to review their success and submit a summary report for consideration at COP11.</p> <p>[X.6: 17. REQUESTS the <b>Standing Committee</b> and the Secretariat]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 9 (DOC. SC41-13)
<b>CEPA</b>	
<p>Give priority in its [CEPA Oversight Panel ] work plan to developing a short advisory document which shows the relationships between Resolutions VII.9 and VIII.31 and Resolution X.8 to assist CEPA Focal Points in the ongoing implementation of the CEPA Programme.</p> <p>[X.8: 10. REQUESTS the <b>CEPA Oversight Panel</b>]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 18 (DOC. SC41-28)
<p>CEPA Oversight Panel to monitor and report on CEPA issues within the Convention and the progress of implementation of the CEPA Programme as established by this Resolution, and to advise the Standing Committee and the Secretariat on the CEPA work priorities at the national and international levels, including the CEPA priorities of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP).</p> <p>[X.8: 11. REQUESTS the <b>CEPA Oversight Panel</b>]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 18 (DOC. SC41-28)
<b>STRP <i>modus operandi</i></b>	
<p>Continue to have overall responsibility for the work of the STRP, with the Chair of the STRP reporting to each Standing Committee meeting on the Panel's progress with its programme of work and priorities as established by the COP (Resolution X.10) and Standing Committee, and the STRP will report to Standing Committee on any adjustments to its programme it considers necessary and on new tasks proposed during the intersessional period in relation to emerging issues.</p> <p>[X.9: 15. CONFIRMS that the <b>Standing Committee</b>]</p>	SC41 Agenda item 17 (DOC. SC41-26)