

**Note by the Secretariat**

This draft Resolution has been provided to the Secretariat by Uganda on 2 November. Although under the COP Rules of Procedure such a proposal should have been submitted not later than 60 days prior to the start of this Standing Committee meeting, in view of the discussions already during SC43 on high level COP segments, the Standing Committee may wish to consider this proposed DR for transmittal to COP11.

**Draft Resolution XI.xx**

**High Level Ministerial Segment associated with the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

*Submitted by Uganda*

1. AWARE of the important role that political leaders play in supporting the implementation of the Ramsar Convention;
2. NOTING the declining funding for the Ramsar Convention and wetland activities in general on account of important government priorities which are politically determined;
3. FURTHER NOTING the added value of a High Level Ministerial segment obtained by other Multilateral Environment Agreements such as UNCCD, UNCBD, UNFCCC;
4. RECALLING Article 5 of the Convention which enjoins the Contracting Parties to consult with each other about implementing obligations arising from the Convention especially in the case of a wetland extending over the territories of more than one Contracting Party or where a water system is shared by Contracting Parties. They shall at the same time endeavour to coordinate and support present and future policies and regulations concerning the conservation of wetlands and their flora and fauna;
5. RECOGNIZING the need to redouble efforts to halt or reverse the decline highlighted by the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and to achieve the 2015 Millennium Development Goals environment targets; and
6. WELCOMING the offer by the Government of Romania to organize a high level ministerial dialogue as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in Bucharest, Romania, in June 2012;

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7. DECIDES to establish a High Level Ministerial Segment as an integral part of meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties;

8. INSTRUCTS the Secretariat working with the host of the Conference of the Parties to work out appropriate modalities for holding the High Level Ministerial Segment;
9. INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee to determine the modalities including cost implications for hosting of the High Level Ministerial Segment; and
10. URGES the Contracting Parties, International Organization Partners, and Multilateral Development Partners to support the High Level Ministerial Segment.