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Renewed call for the nomination of candidates to serve as regional members of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) for the 2003-2005 triennium

The Bureau of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of... and has the honour to refer to the following:

The call for nominations for the appointment of regional members of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) was made in 2002 to all Contracting Parties at the time of issuing of the first set of papers for COP8, and with a deadline of 30 October 2002.

Through the adoption of the revised *modus operandi* of the Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (Resolution VIII.28), the 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP8) agreed that the appointment of members of the Panel will be made by the Standing Committee at its 29th meeting, on 26-28 February 2003.

Contracting Parties at COP8 also recognised that this would enable a renewed call for nominations to be made, with a deadline of 30 January 2003.

The Ramsar Bureau therefore encourages all Contracting Parties to make further nominations of suitably qualified persons for consideration for appointment as members of the STRP for 2003-2005.

As set out in the attached renewed call for nominations, a nomination should be made through a diplomatic note or under cover of a letter of nomination signed by the Head of the Administrative Authority responsible for the implementation of the Ramsar Convention in their country. A copy of the attached questionnaire should be completed and signed by the nominee.

The Ramsar Bureau also draws to the attention of Contracting Parties that a Contracting Party may submit more than one nomination, if it so wishes.

It is not necessary for a Contracting Party to resubmit a nomination for an STRP member which was made under the first call for nominations. All nominations received to date by the Bureau, and which are administratively complete, remain valid and will be considered for appointment by the Standing Committee.

The Ramsar Bureau requests that all further nominations be received by the Bureau at the latest by **30 January 2003**, so that recommendations for appointments can be prepared for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 29th meeting.

The Bureau of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present Note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of ... the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 17 December 2002

Encl: "Renewed call for nominations"