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**8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the  
Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

***“Wetlands: water, life, and culture”***

**18-26 November 2002, Valencia, Spain**

*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 Ramsar Bureau is pleased to enclose a package of materials relating to the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention, to be held in Valencia, Spain, from 18-26 November 2002. The package includes:

1. General information note
2. Provisional Agenda and Programme
3. List of COP8 documents
4. Conference pre-registration form
5. Information on visas
6. Hotel information and booking form
7. Exhibition space information and reservation form
8. Free tours information
9. COP8 poster

Concerning the composition of each Contracting Party delegation to Ramsar COP8, the Ramsar Bureau respectfully urges Parties to consider including in the delegations, as appropriate, representatives of indigenous people and other Major Groups recognised in Agenda 21, namely women; children and youth; non governmental organizations (NGOs); local authorities; trade unions; business and industry; the scientific and technological community; and farmers.

*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, 10 May 2002