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### **Designation of the new Secretary General of the Convention Report of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties Resolutions adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties Report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee Audited Accounts for Fiscal Year 2001**

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

#### **Designation of the new Secretary General of the Convention**

The Ramsar Bureau is very pleased to announce that the Standing Committee, at its 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting held in Gland, Switzerland, on 26-28 February 2003, has designated Dr. Peter Bridgewater as new Secretary General of the Convention, to succeed Mr. Delmar Blasco when his term of office comes to an end on 31 July 2003. A copy of the announcement carried on the Convention Web Site is attached for information.

#### **Report of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

The Report of Ramsar COP8 (Valencia, Spain, 18-26 November 2002) is attached.

#### **Resolutions adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**

The final version of the 46 Resolutions adopted by Ramsar COP8 is attached in hard copy. The Resolutions are also available in the three official languages of the Convention on the Ramsar Web Site at: [http://www.ramsar.org/index\\_cop8.htm](http://www.ramsar.org/index_cop8.htm) A CD-ROM of the Resolutions and other COP8 documents is available upon request from the Ramsar Bureau.

#### **Report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**

The full report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee, held in Gland, Switzerland, on 26-28 February 2003, is attached, as well as a document with the Decisions taken at the meeting. As is customary, the full report is distributed only in English and the text of the Decisions in English, French and Spanish, as appropriate.

#### **Audited Accounts for Fiscal Year 2001**

The Standing Committee reviewed the Audited Accounts of the Ramsar Bureau for Fiscal Year 2001 at its 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting held in Valencia, Spain, on 17 November 2002, immediately before the opening of Ramsar COP8. A copy of these Audited Accounts is attached.

*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 ... .. the assurance of its highest consideration.*

Gland, 19 March 2003