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Annual Contributions 2007

The Secretariat 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:

With reference to the adoption by the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (Kampala, Uganda, 2005) of the Convention budget for the triennium 2006-2008, the Secretariat has prepared provisional invoices for the payment of annual contributions. Such a provisional invoice for 2007 is attached.

Contracting Parties will be aware that annual contributions to the Ramsar Convention budget are calculated on the basis of the percentage contributions paid by Member States to the UN budget. However, the Secretariat will not receive the UN scale of assessments for the year 2007 until December 2006, which for many Contracting Parties is too late in the budget cycle to include the annual contributions to the Ramsar Convention in their governments' budgets. Thus, the attached invoice has been prepared using the 2006 UN scale of assessment. Consequently, it should be noted that if the scale of assessments adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2006 for the triennium 2007-2009 causes a reduction or an increase in the percentage of that used in the attached invoice, this difference will be reflected in the invoice for 2008.

Since annual contributions are due by 1 January of each calendar year, it is Ramsar Secretariat practice to issue invoices during the preceding year. The invoices for 2006 contributions which were sent to Contracting Parties in August 2005 were also provisional. The attached statement shows the final contribution for 2006, based on the budget adopted at COP9 in November 2005.

In accordance with Ramsar financial rules, invoices have been prepared in Swiss francs. Contracting Parties are requested to pay the attached invoice by 1 January 2007. Parties that are also members of MedWet will note that their MedWet contributions are invoiced separately, and that the same conditions will apply.

Contracting Parties are asked to transfer their contributions to the Convention bank account with UBS S.A. in Lausanne, Switzerland, and to the Beneficiary name of Ramsar/IUCN.
Ramsar/IUCN IBAN Account No: CHF: CH18 0024 3243 3336 0301 C

The Secretariat 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, 16 June 2006

Encl: Annual Contribution invoice 2007
Statement