

## **Notification 2009/7**

### **Annual Contributions 2010**

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

With reference to the adoption of the Convention budget for the triennium 2009-2012 by the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (Changwon, Republic of Korea, 2008), the Secretariat is pleased to advise the government of XXX of the provisional amount of the annual contribution for the year 2010.

Contracting Parties will be aware that annual contributions to the Ramsar Convention are calculated on the basis of the percentage contributions paid by Member States to the United Nations budget. However, the Secretariat will not receive the UN scale of assessments for the 2010-2012 triennium until December 2009 which, for many Contracting Parties, would be too late in the budget cycle to include the annual contribution to the Ramsar Convention in their government's budget. Thus, the amount given below is provisional and is intended for budgeting purposes.

**The provisional annual contribution for XXX for 2010, based upon the 2007-2009 UN scale of assessments, is CHF . African countries only: In addition, in accordance with Ramsar Resolution X.2, paragraph 23, voluntary contribution of a further CHF 1,000 should be anticipated.**

**Contracting Parties will receive final invoices in January 2010, following the announcement of the new UN scale of assessment for 2010-2012.**

Contracting Parties will be asked to make their payments in Swiss francs 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 also takes this opportunity to enclose a current statement of XXX's contributions account **showing arrears of CHF XXX.**

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 XXX the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 15 June 2009

Encl: Statement of account