

Notification 2010/3

Celebrating the Convention's 40th Anniversary

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:

The Ramsar Convention will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on February 2nd 2011. The Ramsar Secretariat recognizes the importance of this date and the opportunity it presents to Contracting Parties and the Secretariat to use this occasion to raise awareness about the Convention, to celebrate our Ramsar Sites and our collective achievements over the last 40 years to secure the health of all wetlands for future generations.

The Ramsar Secretariat requests Contracting Parties to use the annexed document to begin a process of national planning for the 40th anniversary celebrations. Contracting Parties may wish to inform the Secretariat of any concrete suggestions regarding national and/or regional actions, and the Secretariat suggests a deadline of the end of April to allow time for internal discussions on this issue.

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, 28 January 2010

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