Notification 2011/11

Annual Contributions 2012

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 Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (Changwon, Republic of Korea, 2008) of the Convention budget for 2009-2012, the Secretariat has prepared invoices for the payment of annual contributions. The 2012 invoice is attached.

Contracting Parties will be aware that annual contributions to the Ramsar budget are calculated on the basis of the percentage contributions paid by Member States to the United Nations budget, proportionally adjusted to reflect the current 160 Contracting Parties to the Convention, and subject to a minimum annual contribution of 1,000 Swiss Francs. (*African Parties only: In accordance with Ramsar Resolution X.2, paragraph 23, voluntary contribution of a further 1,000 Swiss Francs is also invoiced.)

In accordance with Ramsar financial rules, Contracting Parties are requested to pay the attached invoice, in Swiss Francs, by 1 January 2012.

The Secretariat also takes this opportunity to enclose a current statement of the contributions account. Contracting Parties that have not yet paid contributions for prior years are respectfully requested to do so.

Contracting Parties are asked to make their payments to the Convention bank account with UBS S.A. in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Beneficiary name: Ramsar/IUCN.

IBAN Account No: CH18 0024 3243 3336 0301 C (Swiss Francs)

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, 30 September 2011

Encl: Contribution invoices 2012 (2 for African Parties*) Statement of Contributions (2 for African Parties*)