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The 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

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:

The Ramsar Secretariat is pleased to confirm that the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (Ramsar COP11) will be held in Bucharest, Romania, from **19 to 26 June 2012**, with the 44th meeting of Standing Committee planned for 17 June 2012 and an additional day of regional meetings on 18 June, as requested by many Contracting Parties.

The Standing Committee agreed that the theme for World Wetlands Day 2012 and COP11 should be linked and related to the broad theme of “Wetlands, Tourism, and Recreation”, with the exact wording to be formulated at a later date.

Contracting Parties are requested to reserve the dates of the COP during what is expected to be a busy year. A draft agenda and other documents for COP11 will be sent to the Parties in due course.

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, 24 January 2011