

Notification 2013/5

Annual Contributions 2014

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:

Following the adoption by the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP-11 Bucharest, Romania, 2012) of the Convention budget for 2013-2015, the Secretariat has prepared invoices for the payment of annual contributions. The 2014 invoice is attached.

Contracting Parties will be aware that annual contributions to the Ramsar budget are assessed and invoiced annually on the basis of the percentage contributions paid by Member States to the United Nations budget (proportionally adjusted to reflect the current Contracting Party membership of 168 Parties, 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 2014**.

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

Contracting Parties are asked to make their payments to the Convention bank account:

Bank: UBS S.A., Lausanne, Switzerland. Beneficiary name: Ramsar/IUCN.

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

SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A

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 2013



Encl: Contribution invoices 2014 (2 for African Parties*)
Statement of Contributions (2 for African Parties*)