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to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands**

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(High-level ministerial segment)**

09.05 – 10.15 High-level ministerial segment

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

1. Mr Guan Zhi'ou, Administrator, Secretary of the Leading Communist Party of China (CPC) Members Group of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, and member of the Leading CPC Members Group of the Ministry of Natural Resources, China, chaired the session.
2. A video showcasing efforts and initiatives towards wetland conservation in China was screened.

Agenda item 2: High-level ministerial segment

3. Statements were delivered by:
 - Dr Musonda Mumba, Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands;
 - Mr Zhao Haishan, Vice Governor of Hubei Province, China;
 - Mrs. Sandra Patricia Vilardy Quiroga, Vice Minister of Policies and Environmental Standardization, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia;
 - H.E. Shara Duncan Villalobos, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva;
 - Mr Fernando Israel Espinosa Olivera, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva;
 - H.E. Amadeu Paulo Samuel Da Conceição, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva;
 - Mr Nathan Glassey, Deputy Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva;
 - H.E. Anita Pipan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva;
 - H.E. Giuseppe Yoffreda Yorio, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the People's Republic of China;
 - Mr Jean-Yves Roux, Consul General of France in Wuhan;
 - Mr Abderrahim Houmy, Secretary General of the Department of Water and Forests, Morocco;
 - H.E. Mohamed Al Afkham, Director General of Fujairah Municipality, United Arab Emirates.

Agenda item 3: Briefing on the Wuhan Declaration

4. Mr Chunfeng Wang, Executive Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China, outlined the review process for the Wuhan Declaration, giving thanks to Contracting Parties for their comments, and introduced the Wuhan Declaration, noting it is neither a negotiated document nor is it legally binding. The Wuhan Declaration was adopted.