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49th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Punta del Este, Uruguay, 1 June 2015

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**Draft Agenda and Programme**

**Monday, 1 June 2015**

**09:30-13:00**

**Venue: Rio de Janeiro C**

**Important Note: Participants are advised to arrive at the venue with sufficient time for registration before the meeting. Badges will be a requirement for gaining access to the building. Please also note that a passport will be required for registration and at all times for access to the venue.**

The Registration Desk will be open from 16:00 to 19:00 on Sunday 31 May and from 08:30 on Monday 1 June.

1. Welcoming remarks by the Standing Committee Chair and the host country
2. Report on the arrangements for COP12 by the Secretary General and the host country
3. General review of the Ramsar COP12 Provisional Agenda
4. Financial Matters
5. Review of the status of the reallocations of the 2014 core budget surplus according to Decision SC48-12 including an updated status of the 2014 core budget.
6. Report of the Secretary General on the use of Reserve Fund to sponsor COP12 delegates.
7. Proposal of the Secretariat on how to refill the Reserve Fund 2016-2018  and how to adjust the proposed budget scenarios annexed to Draft Resolution XII.1.
8. Oral report of the Secretariat on the level of Secretariat support to sponsored delegates attending COP and SC-meetings.
9. Report on Ramsar Regional Initiatives and allocation of funding for 2015 (DOC.SC49-02 *Allocation of Ramsar core budget funds to regional initiatives operating in the framework of the Ramsar Convention in 2015*)
10. Report on the Action Plan for Communications / CEPA (*COP12 DOC.26 Communications / CEPA Action Plan for the Ramsar Secretariat 2016-2021)*
11. COP12 Rules of Procedure (Includes report of the Secretary General on how to understand/interpret the Rules of Procedure concerning the power of the Standing Committee to “approve” Draft Resolutions).
12. Nomination of COP12 President and Vice-Presidents
13. Appointment of the COP12 Credentials Committee
14. Establishment of COP12 Committees and contact groups
    1. Committee on Finance and Budget
    2. Establishment of contact groups
15. Agenda for the 50th Meeting of the Standing Committee
16. Thanks to Standing Committee members of the triennium
17. Any other business (Information on UAE on Hosting COP13)