



9th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

“Wetlands and water: supporting life, sustaining livelihoods”

Kampala, Uganda, 8-15 November 2005

Resolution IX.16

The Convention’s International Organization Partners (IOPs)

1. RECALLING that a number of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) played a significant role in the inception of the Convention, and AWARE that these and an increasing number of other INGOs and intergovernmental organizations are contributing to, or have the potential to contribute to, the development and implementation of the Convention’s mission at local, national and global scales;
2. ALSO RECALLING Resolution VII.3, in which the Contracting Parties established rules for conferring the status of International Organization Partner (IOP) of the Convention, and in which they conferred this status upon BirdLife International, IUCN-The World Conservation Union, Wetlands International, and the World Wide Fund for Nature;
3. FURTHER RECALLING that in Resolution VII.3 the Parties decided that international non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations meeting the criteria established by those rules and interested in formal recognition as Partners of the Convention should present an application to the Ramsar Secretariat for consideration by the Standing Committee for recommendation to the Conference of the Contracting Parties for its final decision; and
4. AWARE that the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) has made such an application to the 31st meeting of the Standing Committee;

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5. REAFFIRMS the rules established in the Annex to Resolution VII.3 for conferring the status of International Organization Partner (IOP) of the Convention to organizations that meet the criteria established in those rules;
6. RECONFIRMS the status of International Organization Partner (IOP) of the Convention for BirdLife International, IUCN-The World Conservation Union, Wetlands International, and the World Wide Fund for Nature;
7. FORMALLY CONFIRMS this status for the International Water Management Institute (IWMI);
8. ENCOURAGES other relevant and interested organizations to consider applying for the status of IOP of the Convention, so as to continue to strengthen the range and scope of

networks supporting the work of the Convention in the development of policies and technical and scientific tools of the Convention and their implementation; and

9. REQUESTS the Standing Committee to keep under review from time to time the performance of International Organization Partners in supporting Convention implementation, and to report on such reviews to the Conference of the Contracting Parties.