

[The Amendments to Articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands, commonly called the "Regina Amendments", were made possible by the entry into force of the Paris Protocol of 1982, which established an amendment procedure in new Article 10bis of the treaty text. They were drafted carefully over several years and then adopted by the 33 delegations present at the 2nd Extraordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties on 28 May 1987, with a reservation by the United States. Following acceptance of the Amendments by Denmark, fulfilling the required two-thirds of the nations which were Contracting Parties in 1987, the Amendments came into force on 1 May 1994 and thenceforward have been incorporated in the official language versions of the treaty text.]

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE
ESPECIALLY AS WATERFOWL HABITAT
Extraordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties
28 May to 3 June 1987
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONVENTION ADOPTED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE

Article 6

1. The present text of paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following wording:
"There shall be established a Conference of the Contracting Parties to review and promote the implementation of this Convention. The Bureau referred to in Article 8, paragraph 1, shall convene ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Conference decides otherwise, and extraordinary meetings at the written request of at least one third of the Contracting Parties. Each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties shall determine the time and venue of the next ordinary meeting."

2. The introductory phrase of paragraph 2 shall read as follows:

"The Conference of the Contracting Parties shall be competent:"

3. An additional item shall be included at the end of paragraph 2, as follows:

"(f) to adopt other recommendations, or resolutions, to promote the functioning of this Convention."

4. A new paragraph 4 is added which would read as follows:

"The Conference of the Contracting Parties shall adopt rules of procedure for each of its meetings.

5. New paragraphs 5 and 6 are added, which would read as follows:

Paragraph 5: "The Conference of the Contracting Parties shall establish and keep under review the financial regulations of this Convention. At each of its ordinary meetings, it shall adopt the budget for the next financial period by a two-third majority of Contracting Parties present and voting."

Paragraph 6: "Each Contracting Party shall contribute to the budget according to a scale of contributions adopted by unanimity of the Contracting Parties present and voting at a meeting of the ordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties."

Article 7

Paragraph 2 is replaced by the following wording:

"Each of the Contracting Parties represented at a Conference shall have one vote, recommendations, resolutions and decisions being adopted by a simple majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, unless otherwise provided for in this Convention."

[Annexed to the Regina Amendments in the Proceedings of the Extraordinary Conference was the following Resolution adopted by the 3rd Ordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties.]

Annex

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE
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Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

27 May to 5 June 1987

Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Resolution on Provisional Implementation of the Amendments to the Convention

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat at an Extraordinary Conference held in Regina, Canada, from 28 May to 3 June 1987, have adopted amendments to that Convention,

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat are desirous to implement provisionally the amendments adopted by the Extraordinary Conference held in Regina, Canada, from 28 May to 3 June 1987,

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

URGES the Contracting Parties to implement on a provisional basis the measures and procedures envisaged by the amendments adopted by the Extraordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties to that Convention until such time as they come into force pursuant to Article 10 bis of the Convention.