Decision on the way forward concerning the legal status of MedWet

The MedWet/Com,

a) HAVING ANALYSED the different options for developing and obtaining a legal status for the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative; and

b) HAVING CONCLUDED that the best option would reside in an appropriate type of arrangement within the framework of the Ramsar Convention,

1. INVITES the Ramsar Standing Committee:
   a) to study options for providing legal coverage to well-established Ramsar Regional Initiatives, such as MedWet, as part of the arrangements for the implementation of the Ramsar Convention;
   b) to consider possible arrangements for the operation of the secretariats of well-established Ramsar Regional Initiatives; and
   c) to submit a draft Resolution on this matter to the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention; and

2. REQUESTS the MedWet Steering Group and the MedWet Coordinator to make the necessary follow-up to this decision and report to the 13th MedWet/Com meeting.