



MedWet

L'initiative pour les zones humides méditerranéennes
The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative
مبادرة المناطق الرطبة المتوسطية

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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.