

CANADA



**PROTOCOL AMENDING THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE ESPECIALLY AS WATERFOWL HABITAT OF FEBRUARY 2, 1971 (with Annex)**

The Contracting Parties,

CONSIDERING that for the effectiveness of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat<sup>(1)</sup>, done at Ramsar on 2nd February 1971 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), it is indispensable to increase the number of Contracting Parties;

AWARE that the addition of authentic language versions would facilitate wider participation in the Convention;

CONSIDERING furthermore that the text of the Convention does not provide for an amendment procedure, which makes it difficult to amend the text as may be considered necessary;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The following Article shall be added between Article 10 and Article 11 of the Convention:

"Article 10 BIS

1. This Convention may be amended at a meeting of the Contracting Parties convened for that purpose in accordance with this Article.
2. Proposals for amendment may be made by any Contracting Party,
3. The text of any proposed amendment and the reasons for it shall be communicated to the organization or government performing the continuing bureau duties under the Convention (hereinafter referred to as "the Bureau") and shall promptly be communicated by the Bureau to all Contracting Parties. Any comments on the text by the Contracting Parties shall be communicated to the Bureau within three months of the date on which the amendments were communicated to the Contracting Parties by the Bureau. The Bureau shall, immediately after the last day for submission of comments, communicate to the Contracting Parties all comments submitted by that day.

<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series 1981 No. 9.