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Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 76/530.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2022, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 35th meeting, on 10 November 2022. The Committee’s consideration of the item is reflected in the relevant summary record.¹
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note verbale dated 11 August 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/72/194](#)).

II. Consideration of agenda item 172

5. At the 35th meeting, on 10 November, the Chair of the Committee announced that the Bureau had been informed that the delegation of Uruguay had requested that the Committee defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly until the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly.
6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 7).

¹ [A/C.6/77/SR.35](#).



III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the Assembly¹ until the seventy-eighth session of the Assembly.

¹ See [A/72/194](#).