Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow Sea- Bohai Gulf of China (Phase I)

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/19/43.COM/8B and WHC/19/43.COM/INF.8B2,

2. Delers, Inscribes the nomination of the Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow Sea- Bohai Gulf of China (Phase I), China, in order to allow the State Party to: on the World Heritage List on the basis of criterion (x);

3. Takes note of the following provisional Statement of Outstanding Universal Value:

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4. Underlines the global conservation significance of the East Asian Australasian Flyway (EAFF) and the critical importance of Yellow Sea region habitat for the survival of many species of migratory shorebirds,

5. Notes that the decision to inscribe the property is made on the understanding that the State Party is in agreement with the following requests of the Committee, which should be implemented in time for consideration at the 47th session of the Committee in 2023 in order to address fully the requirements of the Operational Guidelines:
a) That the State Party submit a single Phase 2 nomination that includes all the additional components of the proposed serial listing as a whole, in order to reflect the full range of natural wealth and diversity of the ecoregion and to meet integrity requirements.

b) Prepare The Phase 2 nomination a is supported by a more comprehensive and detailed overview and analysis of priority conservation areas in the Yellow Sea and Bohai Gulf, including the all of the additional fourteen additional areas identified in the Phase 1 nomination, fully taking into account ecosystem and habitat diversity of the coastal system, currently proposed to be included in Phase 2 of the nomination, in terms of proposed boundaries, values (including species occurrence, abundance and conservation status), threats, integrity, protection and management,

c) Include in a single revised nomination the full range of the components of the proposed series as a whole, in order to meet integrity requirements,

d) Clearly demonstrate that the integrity of all natural attributes contributing to the stated Outstanding Universal Value can be conserved within each of the component parts of the series, and include a map indicating which areas of the nominated property are in a natural state, and which have been, or are being, restored,

e) Ensure that there are no unacceptable negative effects of development on the attributes of conservation significance in each of the components of the nominated property, including any negative effects of wind turbines, pollution (including noise pollution), land reclamation and infrastructure development, and

f) Provide evidence of more effective coordination of management of the entire serial nomination including planning for any the increasing tourism demand, including the development of appropriately scaled and low impact tourism in the nominated property;

36. Notes with appreciation the confirmed commitment demonstrated by the State Party and local authorities to protecting the Tiaozini area of the Yellow Sea, as an integral part of the nomination inscribed property;

74. Strongly Encourages all related State Parties in the flyway to cooperate with each other the State Party to coordinate its plans for nominations with other States Parties in the flyway, in relation to the potential for future transboundary serial nominations, and/or extensions, that more fully reflect the habitat needs and patterns of use of migratory birds along the East Asian Australasian Flyway across the wider Yellow Sea region.

8. Request IUCN to closely cooperate with State Party to ensure that the future nomination can satisfy the requirements provided in paragraph 5 and the target in paragraph 7.