

**Framework Convention  
for the Protection of the Marine  
Environment of the Caspian Sea**

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**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND DECISIONS  
OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
TO THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE  
ENVIRONMENT OF THE CASPIAN SEA**

**20 July 2018**

**Moscow, Russian Federation**

The Ministers of Natural Resources, Environment and Energy and High-level Officials of the Contracting Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea, done at the city of Tehran, on the fourth day of November 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the Tehran Convention), and entered into force on 12 August 2006:

*Guided* by the outcomes of the summits of the Heads of Caspian States in Ashgabat (2002), Tehran (2007), Baku (2010) and Astrakhan (2014);

*Recalling* the Ministerial Statements and Decisions of the five Meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Tehran Convention;

*Having considered* the Note by the interim Secretariat on the Protocol on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Trans-boundary Context to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea.

*Having reviewed* the progress report of the interim Secretariat on the accomplished activities.

1. Welcome the adoption and signing of the Protocol on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Trans-boundary Context to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea by the Contracting Parties, confirm the intention of their respective Governments to ensure early ratification of the Protocol and request the Secretariat to undertake the necessary steps to promote its implementation;
2. Stress the importance of the continuation of the work on the effective implementation of the provisions of the Tehran Convention;
3. Express gratitude to the Government of the Russian Federation for the organization of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Tehran Convention.