The Inter-governmental Meeting on the Establishment of a European Goose Management Platform under the Auspices of AEWA was hosted by the French Ministry of Environment, Energy and the Sea.
2. **Further agree** that for the first three years of the establishment and operations of the Platform (2016-2018), the envisaged annual international running costs as well as the one-off costs associated with the development of management plans for Greylag and Barnacle Geese will be provided by the range states and other stakeholders on the basis of voluntary contributions in accordance with their abilities, after which the option of adopting a cost-sharing arrangement will be considered, mindful that insufficient funding will jeopardise the functioning and existence of the Platform;

3. **Recognise** that the European Goose Management Platform shall serve the integrated, multi-facetted international flyway-level conservation and management of populations in line with existing international obligations and the pertinent legislative frameworks and regulations, as relevant in each range state, including AEWA, the Bern Convention and the EU Birds Directive for the range states to which these apply;

4. **Encourage** the range states and other stakeholders to facilitate the provision of data on population size and harvest to the European Goose Management Platform;

5. **Further agree** to implement the relevant AEWA International Species Action and Management Plans as adopted by the AEWA Meeting of the Parties, as appropriate.

This declaration was adopted unanimously by the range states present at the meeting: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany*, Greenland, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK.

*The adoption of this declaration by Germany is subject to national consultations with the governments of its Federal States.