

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Bangkok (Thailand), 3-14 March 2013

Summary record of the fifth plenary session

13 March 2013: 11h20-12h10

Chair: His Excellency Preecha Rengsomboonsuk
(Thailand)
Committee I Chair: C. Caceres (Canada)
Committee II Chair: R. Gabel (United States of America)
Secretariat: J. Scanlon
J. Barzdo
D. Morgan
Rapporteurs: P. Cremona
J. Gray

Administrative matters

5. Credentials Committee

The Secretariat introduced document CoP16 Cred. Com. 1, which it had prepared on the basis of the report given by the Chair of the Credentials Committee as reflected in document CoP16 Plen. 3, containing a draft decision directing the Secretariat to develop guidance to Parties on submission of credentials.

The United States proposed that taking note of the CoP16 Credentials Committee Chair's recommendations that be inserted between "the Conference of the Parties" in the first paragraph and "this guidance should address".

The draft decision, incorporating this amendment, was adopted.

The Chair of the Credentials Committee reported that 149 Parties had provided acceptable credentials.

8. Financing and budgeting of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties

8.1 Implementation of the costed programme of work for 2010-2011

Committee II had accepted document CoP16 Doc. 8.1, which was adopted.

8.2 Implementation of the costed programme of work for 2012

Committee II had accepted document CoP16 Doc. 8.2 (Rev. 1), which was adopted.

8.3 Budgetary proposals for 2014 to 2016

Committee II had established a budget working group, chaired by Switzerland, to finalize the budgetary proposals set out in document CoP16 Doc. 8.3 (Rev. 1). The outcome was a draft resolution, contained in document CoP16 Com. II. 31 (Rev. 1), which had been accepted by the Committee, and was adopted.

8.4 Access to Global Environment Facility funding

Committee II had referred document CoP16 Doc. 8.4 to the budget working group for consideration. The resulting draft decisions, recorded in document CoP16 Com. II. 32, had been accepted by the Committee and were adopted.

8.5 Access to other sources of funding

The six draft decisions in Annex 1 to document CoP16 Doc. 8.5 had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted. Decision 15.20 was deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

9. Arrangements for meetings

The Chair of Committee II reported that the proponents of document CoP16 Doc. 9 (Rev. 1) had withdrawn it following discussions with the Secretariat, and that the Secretariat had agreed to prepare a document for consideration by the Standing Committee regarding the organization of special meetings. Document CoP16 Doc. 9 (Rev. 1) was noted.

Strategic matters

10. Committee reports and recommendations

The Chair announced that discussion of this item would be deferred until a later session.

11. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees

The draft decisions and draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev.CoP15) in document CoP16 Com. II. 28 with the further amendments indicated in document CoP16 Com. II Rec. 14 (Rev. 1) had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

12. CITES Strategic Vision

Document CoP16 Com. II. 4 had been agreed by Committee II and was adopted.

13. Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements

and

14. Draft resolution and decisions on the cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 5 had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted. Decisions 15.11 and 15.18 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

16. Resolution on Cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the CBD (Decision 15.19)

The draft resolution in document CoP16 Com. I. 13 had been agreed by Committee I and was adopted. Decision 15.19 was deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

17. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. I. 4 had been agreed by Committee I and were adopted. Decisions 15.12-15.14 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

18. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures

The draft decisions and the draft terms of reference for a consultancy in document CoP16 Com. II. 6 had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted. Decision 14.30 (Rev. CoP15) was deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

19. CITES and livelihoods

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 11 (Rev. 1), as revised in summary record CoP16 Com. II Rec. 12 (Rev. 1), had been agreed by the Committee and were adopted.

20. Wildlife trade policy reviews

The draft decisions in Annex 1 to document CoP16 Doc. 20 had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted. Decision 15.8 was deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

21. Capacity building

As agreed by Committee II, the report on capacity-building in document CoP16 Doc. 21 was noted. The draft decision in document CoP16 Com. II. 7 had been agreed by the Committee and were adopted. Decisions 14.12, 14.13, 15.21 and 15.22 were deleted, as agreed by the Committee.

The Bahamas intervened, stating that it did not wish to re-open debate on this item, but wished the record of the meeting to reflect that it believed capacity-building to be at the heart of the Convention and therefore would strongly endorse a focus for support for capacity-building in least developed countries, countries in transition and small island developing States, especially in technologies such as e-permitting, training in development of legislation, and the making of non-detriment findings. They believed a focus on small and vulnerable economies would be timely, given that the UN General Assembly had declared 2014 the Year of Small Island Developing States.

22. Proposal concerning a needs assessment for strengthening the implementation of CITES in developing countries

The draft decisions in document CoP16 Com. II. 10, as amended in document CoP16 Com. II Rec. 12 (Rev. 1), had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

23. Capacity-building programme for science-based establishment and implementation of voluntary national export quotas for Appendix-II species – Report of the Animals and Plants Committees

The draft decision and the associated amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) and Decisions 12.91 and 15.24 in the Annex to document CoP16 Doc. 23 (Rev. 1) had been agreed by Committee II and were adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 12h10.