

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



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Regional communication

REVIEW OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MEMBERS AND
ALTERNATE MEMBERS PERFORM THEIR DUTIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Decision 13.12, directed to the three scientific committees, states the following:

The Animals, Plants and Nomenclature Committees shall review at their meetings the conditions under which their members and alternate members perform their duties to ensure continuity and effective regional representation, and report their findings to the Standing Committee
3. At their 21st and 15th meetings respectively (AC21 and PC15, Geneva, May 2005) the Animals and Plants Committees established a joint working group to look at this issue that comprised the members, and alternate members of the committees and the two co-Chairmen of the Nomenclature Committee. This working group produced a report (document PC15/AC21 WG2 Doc. 1), but did not have time to conclude its work and it was agreed that it would carry on working intersessionally by email. In introducing the review in document PC15/AC21 WG2 Doc. 1 the Chairman of the Working Group, the Chairman of the Animals Committee, stressed that it was linked to the review of the scientific committees to be considered under agenda item 7 at the present meeting.
4. The Secretariat encourages the committees to agree a timeframe for implementing Decision 13.12 and reminds them the deadline for submitting a report of their findings to the next meeting of the Standing Committee is 3 August 2006.