

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

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Geneva (Switzerland), 8-12 February 1999

Implementation of the Convention in individual countries

GREECE

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1. In Notification to the Parties No. 1998/35, dated 6 August 1998, the Secretariat informed the Parties of the recommendation of the Standing Committee not to issue permits and certificates for trade to Greece and to refuse to accept documents issued by Greece from 1 September 1998 until further notice.
2. This was pursuant to a decision taken at the 40th meeting of the Standing Committee (March 1998, London, United Kingdom) after Greece had again been granted time to adopt legislation capable of implementing the Convention, to designate a Scientific Authority, reduce Customs ports of entry and exit and improve border controls.
3. On 14 August 1998, the Management Authority of Greece informed the Secretariat of the adoption of draft legislation provided to the Secretariat on 2 February 1998. The Secretariat had advised the Management Authority of Greece that the draft legislation did not meet the requirements of Resolution Conf. 8.4. Furthermore, the legislation could not enter into force until several ministerial decrees were passed. The Secretariat requested further information on these matters from Greece. As of 30 November 1998, no response has been received.
4. The Secretariat suggests, therefore, that the Standing Committee maintains its recommendation that Parties not issue permits and certificates for trade to Greece and refuse to accept documents issued by Greece until further notice.