

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

Forty-second meeting of the Standing Committee
Lisbon (Portugal), 28 September-1 October 1999

PREPARATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONVENTION

1. This document has been prepared by the CITES Secretariat on behalf of the Strategic Plan Working Group.
2. At the 41st meeting of the Standing Committee, the Committee decided to:
 - a) *proceed on the basis of the working document presented in document Doc. SC.41.4, requesting the Working Group to report to the 42nd meeting of the Standing Committee;*
 - b) *instruct the Secretariat to circulate the document to all Parties and to request that they submit comments to the Secretariat in order that they may be considered by the Working Group;*
 - c) *request the Working Group to consider, in addition to any comments from the Parties, the comments made at this meeting, particularly those of the regional representatives to the Standing Committee; and*
 - d) *expand the original Working Group to include representatives from the Animals and Plants Committees and France.*
3. Regarding items “a” and “d”, the re-constituted Working Group met in Washington, D.C., United States of America, from 13 to 18 May to produce a draft Strategic Plan within the context of the approved framework. This document is presented in Annex 1.
4. Regarding items “b” and “c”, the Secretariat circulated document Doc. SC.41.4 to the Parties in March 1999, with Notification No. 1999/31. All comments received were passed to the Working Group for consideration in their preparation of the draft Strategic Plan.
5. The Working Group’s document was presented for consideration by the members of the Plants and Animals Committees, which met in June and July 1999. These Committees each prepared their comments and these documents are presented in Annex 2 and Annex 3 respectively.
6. It is suggested that the Standing Committee consider all of the annexed documents and that it present its comments to the Working Group.
7. The schedule envisages that the Working Group would convene at the time of the next Standing Committee meeting to consider all comments received. Its recommendations will be presented to the Committee.

