

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

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Strategic and administrative matters

Financial and administrative matters

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES IN 2001

1. This report has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Annex to this document presents the estimated expenditures for the year 2001, which reflect the actual requirements of the Secretariat.
3. It is expected that the budgetary provisions approved by the Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting (CoP11) for the majority of items should be adequate to cover the actual costs. There are however a number of insufficiently funded budget lines, that will require an increase in funding. In most cases these items were anticipated at CoP11 and were detailed in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.2.
4. In Resolution Conf.11.2 the Conference of the Parties directs the Secretariat, in association with the Standing Committee, to implement savings or adjustments to the items within the base operating budget in order to provide funding for un-funded or insufficiently funded budget items, or to incorporate such of the priority tasks into the base operating budget as can be effectively done with the funds available. However, under Annex 1, paragraph 11, of Resolution Conf. 11.2, the Secretary General is required to seek the advice of the Standing Committee when transfers from one object of expenditure to another are required to fund insufficiently funded budget lines.
5. Considering that regular meetings of the Standing Committee are normally scheduled only once a year and that some adjustments within the annual budget approved at CoP11 are often required in order to meet the current programme requirements, the Secretariat seeks the approval of the Standing Committee for the Secretary General to re-allocate funds between budget lines, when required, provided that the total budget approved by the Parties for the financial period, is not exceeded.