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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Reports

REVIEW OF CRITERIA TO AMEND APPENDICES I AND II

1. In this document the Secretariat reports on the progress made with regard to the review of the criteria to amend Appendices I and II (cf. Decision 11.2). Proposed terms of reference of the Criteria Working Group (CWG) (document Doc. 11.25) were discussed and approved by Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting (CoP11). These are contained in Decision 11.2.
2. During CoP11 the Secretariat contacted several Parties to explore the hosting of the first meeting of the Criteria Working Group (CWG1). Soon after CoP11 Australia offered to host this first meeting in Canberra, and it was held there from 2 to 4 August 2000. The Secretariat is grateful to the Management Authority of Australia for hosting the meeting.
3. During the discussion in Committee I of document Doc. 11.24, a proposal to nominate Mr Hank Jenkins as the Chairman of the CWG was approved by this Committee. Immediately after CoP11 the Secretariat started a consultation with the Chairman to nominate co-opted experts to participate in CWG1.
4. The report of the first meeting of the CWG was circulated with Notification to the Parties 2000/51 of 31 August 2000. In this Notification, Parties were requested to provide comments on this report.
5. Due to an oversight, the Secretariat did not submit the report to interested intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. Although, when contacted about this, it indicated that it would also include comments received from such organizations in the document for consideration at the joint meeting of the Animals and Plants Committee. At the joint meeting the Secretariat undertook to widely distribute the report that the Chairs would to prepare.
6. The comments received in response to Notification 2000/51 were compiled into a document that was discussed at the joint meeting of the Animals and Plants Committees held in Shepherdstown, United States of America from 7 to 9 December 2000. The Secretariat is grateful to the Management and Scientific Authorities of the United States of America for hosting this meeting.
7. The joint meeting was jointly chaired by the Chairmen of the Plants Committee (Prof. Dr Margarita Clemente) and of the Animals Committee (Dr Marinus Hoogmoed).
8. At the joint meeting it was agreed that the CWG should meet again for a detailed discussion on the definitions, notes and guidelines in Annex 5 to Resolution Conf. 9.24.

Because of time constraints, neither CWG1 nor the joint meeting was able to discuss this Annex in detail.

9. CWG2 was originally scheduled for 13-15 March 2001, but had to be postponed because it was not possible to have background documentation available and translated well in time for the meeting. The Secretariat is grateful to the Scientific Authority of Spain for offering to host this meeting, which was rescheduled for 22-24 May 2001.
10. A background document containing drafts for definitions and guidelines was sent on 9 April 2001 to all members of the CWG. The selection of terms that needed to be defined or redefined was based on suggestions made at the joint meeting and on suggestions by members of the CWG.
11. As announced at the joint meeting, the Chairmen of the Plants and Animals Committees and of the CWG met in Geneva from 19 to 21 April to prepare a report, including an amended draft of Resolution Conf. 9.25, based on comments received from Parties in response to Notification 2000/51 and discussions during the joint meeting.
12. This report was due to be distributed a Notification to Parties in May 2001, as well as to interested intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, seeking their comments. The draft definitions prepared by the CWG2 were included in this report.
13. In November 2001 the Chairmen of the Plants and Animals Committees and of the CWG will meet again to prepare the final report for submission to the Standing Committee.
14. The Secretariat would like to thank all involved in this work who have helped to ensure that the review is carried out in accordance with the timetable suggested in Annex 2 to Decision 11.2.