

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

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Geneva (Switzerland), 12-15 March 2002

Strategic and administrative matters

Financial and administrative matters

APPROVAL OF NEW DONORS

Background

1. At the 21st meeting of the Standing Committee (Lausanne, 5-9 February 1990), a procedure for approval of funding sources was established whereby any organization to be included in the list of approved donors shall require approval by the Standing Committee.
2. This procedure has proven cumbersome for both the Standing Committee and the Secretariat, and submissions of funding applications have been delayed until approval could be obtained, resulting in missed funding opportunities and substantial delays in fund disbursements.
3. To facilitate the seeking of external funds required to implement the work programme, the Standing Committee at its 45th meeting (Paris, 19-22 June 2001) requested the Secretariat to propose a mechanism for approval of donors by the Secretariat rather than the Standing Committee.
4. The following mechanism is an adaptation of the existing procedure, taking advantage of regular weekly meetings of the Management Team of the Secretariat, comprising the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Chiefs of Units.

Proposed procedure

5. Any Party or entity may propose an organization as a prospective donor.
6. If the proposal is received from the Management Authority of the Party in whose territory the organization is based, the Management Team of the Secretariat shall consider the organization's objectives and legal status. If there is no objection, the organization shall be included in the list of approved donors.
7. If the organization is based in the territory of another Party, or the organization is proposed by any entity other than the Management Authority, the Secretariat shall contact the Management Authority of the Party in whose territory the organization is based and enquire whether it has any objection to the organization being included in the list of approved donors. If the Management Authority does not object, the Management Team of the Secretariat shall consider the organization's objectives and legal status. If there is no objection, the organization shall be included in the list of approved donors.
8. If the organization being proposed for inclusion to the list is an international organization which has several offices all over the world, the Secretariat shall contact the Management Authority of the Party in whose territory the organization's head office is based and enquire whether it has any objection to the organization being included in the list of approved donors. If the

Management Authority does not object, the Management Team of the Secretariat shall consider the organization's objectives and legal status. If there is no objection, the organization shall be included in the list of approved donors.

9. If the Management Authority of the Party where the organization is based does not endorse the inclusion of the organization in the list of approved donors, the Secretariat would discuss with it the reasons why it does not support this organization. Based on the information provided by the Management Authority, the Secretariat shall inform the entity that submitted the organization for inclusion about its rejection and the reasons for the rejection.
10. The Secretariat shall maintain the list of approved donors and shall report to the Standing Committee any new organizations that have been added, rejected or deleted.

Action required

11. The Secretariat hereby requests the Standing Committee to approve the presentation of this new procedure for the approval of new donors at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties. If approved, the Secretariat shall present it to the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for agreement to this new procedure.

Proposed new donor

12. The Secretariat presents Species Survival Network (SSN) as a potential donor for CITES special projects and activities. SSN has requested to be included in the list of approved donors. The "Request for donor approval" for SSN is attached as an Annex.
13. The Secretariat hereby requests the Standing Committee to approve the inclusion of Species Survival Network in the list of approved donors.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Species Survival Network (SSN)
2100 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

February 2002

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat presents the proposal upon request from SSN to be included in the list of approved donors.

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Not applicable

5. Legal status:

SSN is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 and incorporated in the United States of America. It is tax exempt as described in section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Species Survival Network is an international coalition of over fifty non-governmental organizations (NGOs) committed to the promotion, enhancement, and strict enforcement of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Through scientific and legal research, education and advocacy, the SSN seeks to prevent over-exploitation of animals and plants due to international commercial trade.