

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

Fiftieth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-19 March 2004

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

National reports

LATE OR NON-SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat's table of annual report submissions, which is available on the CITES website, shows that:
 - a) Liberia and Somalia have not provided annual reports for the period 1997-2002;
 - b) Mauritania has not provided annual reports for the period 1999-2002; and
 - c) Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belize, Benin, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Sudan have not provided annual reports for the period 2000-2002.
3. Notification to the Parties No. 2002/064 of 19 December 2002, containing a recommendation by the Standing Committee to suspend trade with Liberia and Somalia for the failure to submit annual reports, remains valid. Notification to the Parties No. 2003/027 of 6 May 2003, containing a recommendation by the Standing Committee to suspend trade with Mauritania for the failure to submit annual reports, also remains valid.
4. In compliance with Decision 11.89, the Standing Committee shall determine

which Parties have failed, without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention for three consecutive years within the deadline established in Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP12), or the extended deadline that is provided for in that Resolution.

Recommendations

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee, pursuant to Decision 11.89, determine that:
 - a) Liberia and Somalia have failed, without having provided adequate justification, to provide annual reports for the period 1997-2002;
 - b) Mauritania has failed, without having provided adequate justification, to provide annual reports for the period 1999-2002; and

- c) Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belize, Benin, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Cyprus, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Sudan have failed, without having provided adequate justification, to provide annual reports for the period 2000-2002.
6. It further recommends that the Standing Committee, pursuant to Decision 11.37, instruct the Secretariat to issue a Notification recommending that Parties not authorize any trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Parties listed in paragraph 5. c) above until further notice.