

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

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FORGIVENESS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST FUND

This document has been prepared and is submitted by the Secretariat.

1. As of 31 August 1989, the unpaid contributions to the Trust Fund for 1988 and prior years amount to US\$ 877,714. It should be noted that three Parties, Argentina (US\$ 39,743), the German Democratic Republic (US\$ 94,087) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (US\$ 727,150) account for more than 98% of the total unpaid contributions leaving only US\$ 16,734 of unpaid contributions for the remaining Parties (see Annex 1).
2. Several Parties, mainly those with smaller contributions, have established a pattern of paying up to three years at a time which means that much of the remaining US\$ 16,734 could be received at any time. With respect to the three above-mentioned Parties, the German Democratic Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have never made any contributions. However, Argentina last made a partial contribution in 1982.
3. Of the total amount outstanding, ten Parties still have unpaid contributions for 1986 and prior years. The list of those Parties and the unpaid contributions for 1986 and prior years can be found in Annex 2. The majority of unpaid contributions (99.5%) rests with Argentina, the German Democratic Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
4. The Secretariat recommends to the Conference of the Parties that the unpaid contributions for 1986 and prior years be forgiven in the hope that this gesture by the Parties could have a positive effect in convincing all Parties to contribute their full assessed contributions to the Trust Fund and to do it in a timely manner.
5. If this recommendation is approved, a total of US\$ 302,951 would remain as unpaid contributions as of 31.12.88.

UNPAID TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
1988 AND PRIOR YEARS AS AT 31 AUGUST 1989

PARTY	US\$
Argentinantine	39,743
Benin	443
Bolivia	162
Burundi	27
Cameroon	282
Chile	566
Congo	236
El Salvador	196
German Democratic Republic	94,087
Guinea	474
Iran, Islamic Republic of	5,612
Israel	1,695
Kenya	167
Malawi	7
Nicaragua	162
Niger	195
Paraguay	585
Peru	3,076
Philippines	8
Saint Lucia	84
Senegal	184
Somalia	312
Sudan	162
Suriname	244
Togo	26
Trinidad and Tobago	1,503
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	727,150
Zaire	162
Zambia	162
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TOTAL	877,714

Note: In a letter to the CITES Secretariat dated 31.10.1988, Israel indicated that their financial situation would enable them to contribute only US\$ 1,864 for 1988.

UNPAID TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
1986 AND PRIOR YEARS AS AT 31 AUGUST 1989

PARTY	US\$
Argentina	23,956
Benin	199
Cameroon	38
German Democratic Republic	61,297
Guinea	230
Paraguay	267
Peru	1,376
Somalia	68
Trinidad and Tobago	613
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	476,660
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TOTAL	564,705

REMAINING UNPAID TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTIONS  
IF THE RECOMMENDATION IS ACCEPTED

PARTY	US\$
Argentina	15,787
Benin	244
Bolivia	162
Burundi	27
Cameroon	244
Chile	566
Congo	236
El Salvador	196
German Democratic Republic	32,790
Guinea	244
Iran, Islamic Republic of	5,612
Israel	1,695
Kenya	167
Malawi	7
Nicaragua	162
Niger	195
Paraguay	318
Peru	1,700
Philippines	8
Saint Lucia	84
Senegal	184
Somalia	244
Sudan	162
Suriname	244
Togo	26
Trinidad and Tobago	890
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	250,490
Zaire	162
Zambia	162
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TOTAL	313,009