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

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Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties Gigiri (Kenya), 10-20 April 2000

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS OF LIVE ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION

- 1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
- 2. Decision 10.142 of the Conference of the Parties is directed to the Secretariat. It states:

Recommendations shall be prepared on the basis of proposals submitted by interested Parties , for consideration by the Standing Committee in 1998, in order to establish:

- a single simplified procedure for transborder movements of live animals for exhibition travelling to other States;
- b) an effective and rational system of registration and identification of live animals for exhibition; and
- c) principles and methods for certification of travelling owners supposed to travel to other States under the simplified procedure for cross-border movements of live animals for exhibition.
- 3. At its 41st meeting, the Standing Committee decided to establish a working group to be convened by the United States of America. At its 42nd meeting, the Standing Committee discussed a report originating from this working group. Following discussion of the subject the Standing Committee decided to disband the working group because it could not agree to a final draft resolution, and to ask the Secretariat to prepare a document for consideration at its 43rd meeting.
- 4. At the 43rd meeting of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat reported that it could find no sufficient justification for a change to the current provisions applicable through Resolution Conf. 8.16 (Travelling live-animal exhibitions) and Resolution Conf. 10.20 (Frequent cross-border movements of personally owned live animals).
- 5. Following discussion of the subject the Standing Committee agreed that a draft of a Certificate Continuation Sheet (copy attached as Annex), as prepared by the United States of America, could prove useful and that it should be recommended to Parties as an example of a suitable format to fulfil the provisions of the relevant Resolutions.
- 6. The Secretariat will, consequently, distribute an example of the format via a Notification to the Parties.

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