CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

A. Proposal

To Delete the Current Annotation to *Cistanche deserticola* of CITES Appendix II.

B. Proponent

The People's Republic of China.

C. Supporting statement

1. Taxonomy

   1.1 Class: Dicotyledoneae

   1.2 Order: Tubiflorae

   1.3 Family: Orobanchaceae

   1.4 Scientific name: *Cistanche deserticola* Ma 1960

   1.5 Scientific synonyms: *C. ambigua* (Bunge) G. Beck

   1.6 Common names: English: Desert living Cistanche
                             French:
                             Spanish:

   1.7 Code numbers:

2. Justification

   At its 11th meeting, the Conference of the Parties agreed to the inclusion in Appendix II of *Cistanche deserticola* with the following annotation.

   #3   Designated whole and sliced roots and parts of roots, excluding manufactured parts or derivatives such as powders, pills, extracts, tonics, teas and confectionery.

   It was not noted during the meeting, or immediately afterwards, that this annotation was incorrect because *Cistanche deserticola* is a parasite and does not have roots.

   In notification to the Parties No. 2001/067 of 1 October 2001, the Secretariat informed the Parties about this, indicating that the reference to 'roots' in the current annotation should be interpreted as applying to the inflorescences of this species.

   However, *Cistanche deserticola* is a parasitic species, and strictly speaking the reference to 'roots' is incorrect, because the species does not have any roots, and main part of plant for the species is stems whether it is subterranean or aboveground. What is mainly used for medicine is "stems" that is large part of plant and main part for harvest.

D. Conclusion

The current annotation to *Cistanche deserticola* should be deleted so that the amendment "To still remain *Cistanche deserticola* in Appendix II to CITES but without any notification" can not only refer to the actual situation for morphology of this species and types of its trade, but also comply with the intentions of the proponent at the time when species was listed to CITES Appendix II and this amendment.