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DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document was prepared by a Working Group of Committee II following discussion of documents CoP13 Doc. 11.1, Doc. 11.2 and Doc. 11.3.

The drafting group comprised the Chair of Animals Committee, Chair of Plants Committee, Co-Chair of Nomenclature (Flora), Australia, Mexico, the Netherlands and was chaired by the Netherlands.

The drafting group considered it neither feasible nor desirable to draft the Terms of Reference during CoP13. The drafting group considered the input of the scientific committees to be essential. Therefore the drafting group has set out the process for developing the terms of reference and for establishing the review in the following draft decisions.

DRAFT DECISION RELATING TO DOCUMENT COP13 DOC. 11.1

- 13.xx The Animals Committee, Plants Committee and Nomenclature Committee shall draft terms of reference for a review, with the objective of improving and facilitating the performance of their functions. The Committees shall submit the draft terms of reference before the end of 2005 to the Standing Committee.
- 13.xx The Standing Committee shall determine a process for the review and proceed with the review based on the terms of reference produced by the scientific committees and report to CoP14.

TEXT FROM DOCUMENT COP13 DOC. 11.2

Committee II directed the drafting group to further consider paragraph g)

The drafting group recommends that paragraph g) reads as follows:

- g) to the extent possible, the Secretariat shall make provision for the payment, if requested, of reasonable and justifiable travel expenses of members, including attendance at the relevant Committee meetings, of members, and other expenses of the chairmen of the Standing Committee, the Animals Committee, and the Plants Committee and Nomenclature Committee, in particular for representatives from developing countries with economies in transition;

The drafting group recommends a decision to assist with the implementation of this paragraph.

- 13.xx The Secretariat to explore funding options to ensure the regional representatives of Animals Committee and Plants Committee and the Co-Chairs of Nomenclature Committee from developing countries and countries with economies in transition can attend the CoP and fully participate in the AC, PC and NC.

Committee II directed the drafting group to further consider document CoP13 Doc. 11.2 Annex 2.

Proposed new text is underlined and deleted text shown with strikethrough.

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Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

- 13.xx The Animals and Plants Committees and Nomenclature Committee shall review at their meetings the conditions under which ~~capacity~~ of their members and alternate members ~~to~~ perform their duties to ensure continuity and effective regional representation, and report their findings to the Standing Committee.
- 13.xx ~~The Animals and the Plants Committees shall clarify and formalize the process for replacing members and alternate members, and report on progress at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat shall ensure that any vacancies in the Animals Committee, Plants Committee and Nomenclature Committee are brought immediately to the attention of the Standing Committee for resolution.~~
- 13.xx The Plants and Animals Committees will form a joint email working group comprising two representatives from each Committee, ~~the Secretariat~~ and an appointed chairman to develop a manual for regional representatives in 2005 that explains the roles and duties of the representatives, provides practical advice on how to accomplish the mandate, is applicable under different cultural conditions, and contains information for the Management and Scientific Authorities of Parties and governments to explain the role and duties of regional representatives, and the relevant obligations by Parties and Governments towards regional representatives. External funding is to be sought for printing of the manual.

Directed to the CITES Secretariat

- 13.xx ~~The Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties, requesting parties to provide the Secretariat by 1 April 2005 at the latest with the name and address of the contact persons for the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee referred to in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP12), Annex 2, under the second RESOLVES, paragraph c). The Secretariat shall compile a register of these contact persons and publish it on its website. The Parties shall provide to the Secretariat by 1 April 2005 a contact focal point for the Animals Committee, Plants Committee and Nomenclature Committee, including email, phone and fax details. This information will be available on the CITES web site.~~
- 13.xx ~~The Secretariat will compile an annual agenda for the Animals and Plants Committees and their regional representatives, and publish this agenda on its website~~ publish on the website forthcoming deadlines relevant to the work of the Animals Committee, Plants Committee and Nomenclature Committee.
- ~~13.xx The Secretariat shall verify whether the level of communication of information from the Secretariat to the regional representatives is adequate. The Secretariat will ensure that all relevant information on CITES issues, including documents, is sent directly to all representatives in printed form or by email, as requested by the specific representative.~~

TEXT FROM DOCUMENT COP13 DOC. 11.3

Committee II confirmed that only issues relating to the establishment and functioning of the Nomenclature Committee contained in CoP13 Doc. 11.3 (Rev. 1) Annex 2 would be referred to the drafting group

The drafting group recommends the following regarding the changes proposed by Mexico in Doc 11.3 Annex 2 to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP12) on Establishment of Committees:

Changes to the title of Annex 3 – the drafting group did not accept the proposed change.

The first 'RESOLVES' a) ii) – the drafting group accepted the proposed additional text.

The first 'RESOLVES' b) – the drafting group did not accept any of the proposed changes

The first 'RESOLVES' c) - the drafting group agreed that the paragraph should read as follows:

'That the Co-Chairman shall coordinate, monitor and analyze the input needed from specialists in fulfilling the responsibilities assigned by the Parties, communicate regularly with the Animals and Plants Committees in order to keep them informed about the progress made, and report well in time to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and'

The drafting group could not come to a consensus about the remaining changes in CoP13 Doc. 11.3 (Rev. 1) Annex 2 but did agree that the proposed changes relate to issues that should be covered in the Terms of Reference for the review of scientific committees.

TEXT FROM PC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Committee II noted that the recommendations regarding regional representation outlined in the report of the Chairman of PC would be referred to the drafting group.

The drafting group recommends replacing the 2 decisions with the following:

13.xx The Secretariat to look for funding to support the holding of regional meetings in association with regional seminars or other related meetings organized by the Secretariat. The regional representatives would prepare the agenda and chair the meeting.