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

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The Chairman drew the attention of participants to the Annex to document CoP13 Com. II Rep. 7, which contained the record of the vote taken under agenda item 22. He provided some clarification and noted a number of corrections that needed to be made in the presentation.

Strategic and administrative matters

9. Committee reports and recommendations

9.2 Plants committee

9.2.1. Report of the Chairman

The Committee <u>agreed</u> the draft decision directed to the Plants Committee expressed under point 91 of document CoP13 Doc. 9.2.1.

12. Cooperation with other organizations

12.1 Synergy between CITES and CBD

12.1.1 Achieving greater synergy in CITES and CBD implementation

The delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the 25 Member States of the European Community, introduced the draft decision in document CoP13 Com. II. 2. They said it was important that CITES was represented at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level, taking place under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal from 19 to 22 October 2004.

Regarding the report referred to in paragraph a) of the draft decision, the Secretary-General pointed out that it would be difficult to meet the proposed deadline and that it would be preferable to provide that the report be ready for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 53rd meeting. The delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, sought to clarify that they envisaged a three-stage process whereby the Secretariat, in consultation with the

Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees, would review the Vilm report findings and recommendations, would submit that review to the Parties for comments, and would then prepare a report for consideration by the Standing Committee. The Chairman asked the Netherlands to provide a revised draft of that paragraph to reflect this, in consultation with the Secretary-General as necessary.

The delegation of the United States of America supported the process proposed in the draft decision, but suggested that the text in the first part of paragraph b) after the words "of common concern" be deleted. In the text that they proposed for deletion, they specifically objected to the abbreviated definition of the ecosystem approach and to the reference to access and benefit sharing, an issue that was the subject of intense ongoing negotiations in other fora. The delegation of New Zealand supported the amendment proposed by that of the United States, noting that there had been no Oceania representation at the Vilm workshop and that Parties still needed time to analyse the workshop report before they would be in a position to agree on priority areas for action. The delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, and supported by the delegations of China, Mexico and Namibia, opposed the proposed amendment.

The delegation of Australia shared the concerns of the United States regarding the identification of specific areas for action in the draft decision but proposed that only the words after "WSSD 2010 target" in the first part of paragraph b) be deleted. The delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, did not agree but indicated that, in order to meet the concerns of the United States regarding the definition of the ecosystem approach, the phrase "- i.e. Linking Site-based and Species-based Conservation Approaches -" could be deleted.

The Chairman asked the Committee to vote on the proposal by the delegation of the United States to delete in the first part of paragraph b) the words: "considering *inter alia* Sustainable Use, the Ecosystem approach - i.e. Linking Site-based and Species-based Conservation Approaches - and Access and Benefit Sharing,". Following a point of order, he stated that the vote on the proposed amendment to the draft decision by the United States was in accordance with Rule 21.6. The result was 19 in favour, 60 against and there were 10 abstentions (see Annex 1). The proposal was rejected.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the original text of paragraph b) as proposed by the delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, but without the words: " - i.e. Linking Site-based and Species-based Conservation Approaches -". The delegations of Mexico and Senegal suggested adding the words to genetic resources after "Access" in the French and Spanish versions. The delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, preferred to retain the phrase "Access and Benefit Sharing". It was decided that the Committee would revert to this draft decision after further consultation and clarification on this issue.

The Chairman of the Animals Committee said the draft decision should state clearly what was expected of the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees and the Standing Committee.

12.1.2 Sustainable use principles and guidelines

The delegation of Namibia introduced the draft resolution contained in document CoP13 Com. II. 3, highlighting the changes that had been made to the version originally contained in Annex 2 (Rev. 1) of document CoP13 Doc. 12.1.2.

The delegation of New Zealand proposed that operative paragraph a) should begin with the word "Note" rather than the words "Make use of" since only a part of the Addis Ababa principles were applicable to CITES. The delegation of the United States stated that both the preambular and the operative parts were inappropriately prescriptive; it had not yet been determined that the principles and guidelines could, in fact, be used in

the implementation of Article IV; the reference to the CITES Parties that were also Parties to the CBD implied criticism of the two that were not; and operative subparagraph c) infringed countries' authority to make use of their personnel resources as they saw fit. The delegation of Cuba supported the draft resolution, describing it as potentially a key element in achieving synergy between the two conventions. The delegation of Namibia, referring to the comments made by those of New Zealand and the United States, said that the principles and guidelines could be very useful, in particular to developing countries, in the implementation of Article IV, which had proved difficult. The delegation of Namibia did not feel that the draft resolution infringed countries' sovereign discretion, and the reference to the large number of countries that were Parties to both conventions was intended solely to show the close linkage between the two.

The delegation of Namibia, supported by several delegations by a show of hands suggested that the debate be closed and the motion put to a vote. The delegation of the United States, supported by the delegation of Australia, opposed this. It was immediately put to a vote and with 40 votes in favour, 8 against and 43 abstentions (see Annex 2), the motion was carried and the adoption of the draft resolution in document CoP13 Com. II. 3 was put to a vote. With 78 votes in favour, 5 against and 10 abstentions (see Annex 3), the draft resolution was agreed.

The delegation of Namibia introduced the draft decisions contained in document CoP13 Com. II. 4.

With reference to the draft decision directed to the Secretariat, the delegation of Australia, supported by the delegation of the United States, suggested that in the interests of consistency, subparagraph d) should stipulate involvement of the Standing Committee. The delegation of New Zealand proposed that the decision instruct the Secretariat to prepare a report on how the principles and guidelines could be incorporated in its work plan, before actually incorporating them. The Secretary-General suggested that subject to availability of funds be added to that proposed text. The delegation of New Zealand opposed this, describing such a report as an integral part of the process.

The Chairman requested the delegation of Namibia to produce a new version of the draft decision, incorporating the various suggestions made.

The draft decision directed to the Animals and Plants Committees was agreed.

13. Economic incentives and trade policy

Following discussion of Annex 3 of document CoP13 Doc. 13 (Rev. 1) during the Committee's fifth session, the delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, offered a rewording of the third draft decision in that Annex, as contained in document CoP13 Com. II. 7, which was accepted.

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemptions and special trade provisions

56. Operations that breed Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes

56.3 Relationship between *ex situ* breeding and *in situ* conservation

56.3.1 Report of the Animals Committee

The Secretariat introduced document CoP13 Com. II. 1, which presented a draft decision directed to the Standing Committee. The document was <u>accepted</u>.

Strategic and administrative matters

Review of Resolutions and Decisions

17. Review of Decisions

The delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, introduced document CoP13 Com. II. 9, containing an amended version of the draft resolution on trade in alien invasive species presented in document CoP13 Doc. 17. Following a suggestion from the delegation of Ecuador, it was <u>agreed</u> to replace "non-indigenous" with <u>alien</u> in the first paragraph of the preamble and "invasive" with <u>that are potentially invasive</u> in paragraph c). The draft resolution in document CoP13 Com. II. 9 was <u>approved</u> with these amendments.

In response to a question from the delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Member States of the European Community, the Secretary-General clarified the procedures used in the review of Decisions.

Strategic and administrative matters

11. Review of permanent committees

11.3 Standard nomenclature and the operation of the Nomenclature Committee

The delegation of Mexico introduced Annex 2 of document CoP13 Com. II. 6 containing a revision of the draft resolution in Annex 1 of document CoP13 Doc. 11.3 (Rev. 1). The Secretariat suggested two changes to the revision: in paragraph f), replace "however" with and; and in paragraph g), replace the phrase "whether the taxonomic change will cause additional species to be included in or deleted from the Appendices" with whether acceptance of the taxonomic change would cause additional species to be included in the Appendices or listed species to be deleted from the Appendices. The Secretariat further suggested that there was a need to standardize the terms used to refer to taxonomic authorities, perhaps using the term "taxonomic authorities" throughout the document. In response to a request for clarification from the delegation of Canada, the delegation of Mexico stated that they intended it to be the Nomenclature Committee and the Secretariat that would carry out the evaluation in paragraph j). The Secretary-General suggested that this be left to the Nomenclature Committee. The Chairman asked that Mexico present a new version of the draft resolution for consideration by the Committee.

12. Cooperation with other organizations

12.3 Revision of Resolution Conf. 12.4 on Cooperation between CITES and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources regarding trade in toothfish

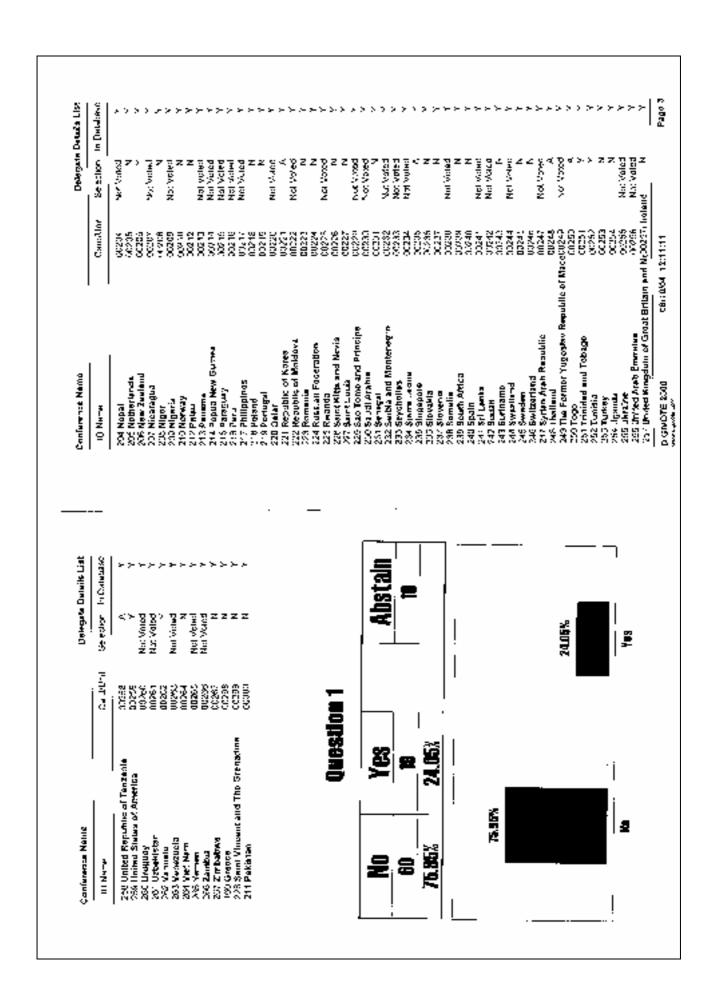
The delegation of Australia introduced document CoP13 Doc. 12.3 and asked the Committee to note the following changes in the proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 12.4 in Annex 2 of the document: deletion of the phrase "in the Southern Ocean ecosystem" from the seventh preambular paragraph; addition of the phrase and the Secretariat forward these reports to CCAMLR at the end of the second operative paragraph; and deletion of the third operative paragraph.

The delegation of Chile remarked that the generic name for toothfish in the Spanish version of the document was different from that used in the English document and different from that currently used in Resolution Conf. 12.4. They requested the Secretariat to produce a corrected version in Spanish but otherwise supported the revision as amended, and in this were supported by the delegation of the Netherlands, speaking on behalf of the Member State of the European Community. The delegations of Cuba and Japan opposed the revision to Resolution Conf. 12.4.

The session was closed at 12h10.

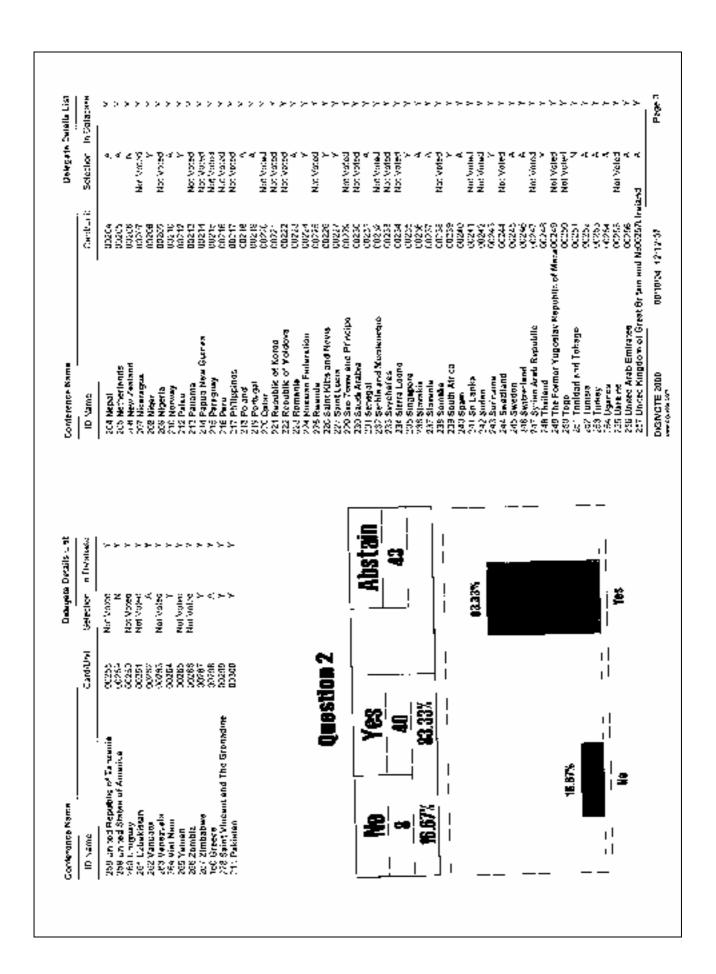
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