



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

#### Revised dates

1. The Government of the State of Qatar has agreed to host the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, which, with the agreement of the CITES Secretariat, will be held in Doha, Qatar, from **Saturday 13 to Thursday 25 March 2010**.
2. In accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP13) on the *Submission of draft resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the text of any draft resolution and any document submitted for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties should be communicated to the Secretariat at least 150 days before the meeting, i.e. by **14 October 2009**.
3. In accordance with the provisions of Article XV, paragraph 1, of the Convention, any Party may propose an amendment to Appendix I or II for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The text of the proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretariat at least 150 days before the meeting, i.e. by **14 October 2009**. The amendment proposals should be based on the criteria adopted in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14).
4. The Secretariat reminds Parties that the Conference of the Parties has recommended in Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP13) that, as a general rule, documents submitted for consideration should not exceed 12 pages in length and that any draft resolution or decision that has budgetary or workload implications for the Secretariat must contain a budget for the work involved and an indication of the source of funding. Moreover, the Standing Committee has agreed that the Secretariat should ask any Party that submits a document longer than 12 pages to provide it in the three working languages of the Convention.
5. Further information on the arrangements for the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be provided to the Parties in due course.