

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

Twenty-first meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 20-25 May 2005

TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS

Chairman: K. Rodics (AC- Europe)

Party Observers: Austria, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Alternative representative for Africa, AC representative for Asia, Slovakia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America.

IGO and NGO Observers: IATA, WAZA, OATA, Humane Society of the United States.

CITES Secretariat.

The Chairman explained that she did not intend to chair the whole session, and that WG4 needed to decide upon another chairman, particularly if it were to continue working intersessionally. The Working Group agreed that Mr Peter Linhart (the observer from Austria) would be its Chairman, and he took over from K. Rodics after she had introduced the items on the agenda of WG4.

CITES Secretariat and AC Europe representative highlighted the tasks asked from the working group. Previous Chairs were thanked for their contributions. Documents 16.1 and 16.2 were introduced, after the election of Austria as acting AC-TWG – Chair. Secretariat noted that Resolution conf. 10.21 may be usefully revised to ensure that less follow-up is required between meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

1 Document 16.1

Item 4.

a) and b) CITES AC-TWG in liaison with CITES secretariat shall identify guides or model practices for other modes of transport that can be used to replace the CITES transport guidelines. The working group, with a view of avoiding potential problems with new, duplicate or overlapping regulations (National, regional, international), should in particular consider work done by the IATA and the OIE. In particular the group is to take note of the development of an OIE web portal that will refer to existing country regulations and other existing guidelines applicable to modes of transport other than by air. CITES Secretariat is to notify parties of the OIE portal once created.

c) AC-TWG chair to prepare a combined report on 13.88 and 13.89 for the Animals committee Chair for discussion at next Animal Committee meeting.

2 Document 16.2

AC-TWG to redraft resolution 10.21, via email exchange and request the AC chair to liaise with the PC chair for new wording to the resolution to reflect decision 13.89 points a) ii) and a) iii). It was recommended to remove the wording as stated in point 5 of document 16.2 as this task was considered as completed (refer to the report issued by the German authorities on transport losses). The US representative circulated a document for consideration by the AC-TWG, which contains new wording to resolution 10.21. IATA informs of an IATA initiative that seeks to eliminate paper.

Action Plan and timetable: AC-TWG chair in conjunction with secretariat, AC chair and PC chair to initiate the coordination required to achieve the points above and manage the production of the reports as required within the deadlines contained in the rules of procedures of the convention.

AC-TWG chair is to contact the OIE for circulation of decisions issued by the OIE at their annual general meeting for circulation to AC-TWG members.

End July circulate letter to AC chair for him to contact and liaise with PC chair concerning the review of conference resolution 10.21.

By the end of 2005 the AC-TWG chair to request organizations that participate in OIE's portal website initiative for the feedback that they received from visitors to the site [via a reply form that will be available on the site].

From Jan – Feb 2006; compilation of feedback; drafting of reply from AC-TWG to OIE system [in consultation with AC chair and Secretariat]; and preparation and circulation to AC-TWG members of first draft revision of Resolution Conf. 10.21. Consider circulation of draft to PC chair.

March 2006 response to draft resolution from AC-TWG members.

May 2006 AC-TWG chair circulate the finished draft revision of Resolution Conf. 10.21 to the AC and PC chairmen and to the Secretariat.

August 2006 (?) working group meeting to be scheduled at the joint PC-AC session.