1. This document has been submitted by the USA at the request of the Plants Committee, in relation to agenda item 17.2.1.3.

**Review of annotations for Orchidaceae: evaluation of trade in finished products**

*Directed to the Plants Committee*

16.XX The Plants Committee shall:

a) conclude its review of the trade in Appendix-II Orchidaceae spp. to determine whether additional finished products should be exempted by amending the annotation for this taxon (Annotation #4). Recommendations on whether to exempt additional finished products from CITES controls should be based on whether finished products are exported from the range States and are a significant portion of the trade; and

b) as appropriate, prepare a proposal to amend the annotation for the listing of Orchidaceae spp. in Appendix II based on the outcome of this review, and provide it to the Depositary Government for submission to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.