

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

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Geneva (Switzerland), 27 June-1 July 2005

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

African elephant

SHORT-TERM FUNDING OF MIKE

The following draft decision regarding the short-term funding of MIKE has been proposed by the representative of North America and is being distributed at the request of the Chairman.

The Standing Committee authorizes the Secretary-General to advance from the CITES Trust Fund, only if necessary, funds to support the MIKE Programme basic operating costs for a maximum of three months (up to a maximum of USD 120,000), while MIKE secures external grant funding for these costs.

This advance is to be reimbursed to the CITES Trust Fund in full prior to the 54th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC54).

The Standing Committee directs the Secretary-General to report on this matter at the 54th meeting of the Standing Committee and at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Standing Committee asks the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Director of MIKE, to report at SC54 on MIKE's budgetary and administrative arrangements.