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

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STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GABON

1. The attached document has been submitted by Gabon.
2. The geographical designations employed in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CITES Secretariat concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.



**Gabon regrets that the International Community has not proved able to mobilize sufficient resources** for the MIKE program in the light of the increase in cross-border poaching which, for example, threatens the most important forest elephant sanctuary, Minkebe national park – with a population estimated at 20,000 individuals. Gabon would like to see the MIKE program promote greater South-South collaboration, particularly to permit the countries of East and Southern Africa to help Central African States to manage wildlife.

Finally, Gabon supports China's willingness to provide support to African countries in order to enable them to eliminate poaching and the illegal ivory trade as expressed at the 55th meeting of the standing committee immediately prior to the current COP.

Libreville, 12 June 2007

The Minister

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