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Dear Sirs,

Greetings from the Philippines.

This is to inform that we (The Philippine Delegation) will NOT be able to attend/participate in the forthcoming Animals Committee (AC) Meeting on April 20-24, 2009 in Geneva. Though, we did not get any positive response from your end about our request for a side meeting during the event, we saw it proper to communicate our situation here, and inform further that instead we will join/participate in the upcoming CITES Standing Committee (SC) Meeting in July 2009. By that time, we can sit down and discuss the Philippine proposal for collaboration and partnership in relation to Res. Conf. 13.9

In the meantime, we wish to reiterate our noble intention to work and collaborate closely with the **Government of Bolivia**, as one of the Range States of *Ara rubrogenys* and other Appendix 1 species that are now being bred successfully in the Philippines. We wish to share and exchange such important information or data with your CITES Management Authority and Scientific Authorities, or with the private sector in Bolivia which is engaged in *in situ* or *ex situ* conservation programmes that you may indorse or recommend under this collaborative partnership.

For information, our proposed collaboration can also include trainings/capability building on animal husbandry or technology transfer, attendance to meetings/workshops/seminars related to these CITES-listed species, among others, and basically dependent on your needs and requirements.

Hoping for your favorable response on the matter.

Thank you and regards.

Truly yours,

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