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Capacity building

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***Directed to Parties***

16.XX Parties are encouraged to:

- a) support and provide financial and in-kind resources for capacity-building activities, particularly those in support of Goals 1 and 3 of the Strategic Vision;
- b) use the CITES Virtual College to support capacity-building activities;
- c) participate in reviewing the contents of the CITES Virtual College through their Management and Scientific Authorities, as appropriate; and
- d) translate the contents of the CITES Virtual College into national languages.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

16.XX The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding, where needed:

- a) undertake a review of capacity-building activities found in Resolutions and Decisions to assess whether and how they could be rationalized and consolidated, and report its findings and recommendations at the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee, and report on proposed revisions to Resolutions and Decisions, and, if considered appropriate, present a draft resolution on capacity building, at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- b) collaborate with the Animals and Plants Committees on relevant capacity-building activities, *inter alia* to improve and expand the Secretariat's training materials on the making of non-detriment findings, including those available through the CITES Virtual College;
- c) within the mandate of Goals 1 and 3 of the Strategic Vision, provide targeted capacity-building support to CITES Management and Scientific Authorities, Customs and law enforcement entities, the judiciary, legislators and other stakeholders, particularly in new Parties and Small Island Developing States;
- d) assist and support the Parties' own capacity-building efforts to implement the Convention at the national level;

- e) deliver general and specialized training through regional workshops and the CITES Virtual College;
- f) develop and further enhance partnerships with institutions and organizations providing Parties with capacity-building assistance of relevance to CITES, for example through the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime, the International Tropical Timber Organization and the International University of Andalusia;
- g) provide guidance to Parties on accessing financial resources to support the implementation of CITES (such as the Global Environment Facility and the African Elephant Fund); and
- h) undertake needs assessments and gap analyses to improve CITES capacity-building efforts.