Electronic permitting

Directed to the Standing Committee

16.XX The Standing Committee shall extend the mandate of its Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems in order for it to perform the following tasks:

a) collaborate with the CITES Secretariat in the drafting of funding proposals related to the development of CITES e-permitting systems;

b) work with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, the World Customs Organization and other relevant organizations to ensure that CITES e-permits are aligned with international trade standards and norms;

c) collaborate with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre to further develop the Electronic Permit Information eXchange to act as a clearing-house of CITES e-permits and certificates and to offer Parties in developing regions a ready-to-use electronic CITES permitting system;

d) work with the CITES Secretariat to ensure that the CITES toolkit is updated as necessary; and,

e) support the participation in the Working Group of developing countries party to CITES.