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

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Directed to the Parties, especially Appendix-I Asian big cat range States

16.A All Parties, particularly Appendix I Asian big cat range States, are encouraged to:

   a) support the activities to be conducted in compliance with Decision 16.C paragraph c), to enable the Secretariat to prepare a report with findings and recommendations, including reporting on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16), at [the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee] [the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties]; and

   b) provide information on incidents of poaching of and illegal trade in all Asian big cat species including their parts and derivatives, which will enable the compilation of a report for the law enforcement community, in compliance with Decision 16.C paragraph d).

Directed to the Standing Committee

16.B The Standing Committee shall review the conservation of and trade in Appendix-I Asian big cat species at its 65th and 66th meetings, and determine any actions deemed necessary to combat illegal trade in Asian big cats.

Directed to the Secretariat

16.C The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funds, in cooperation with ICCWC partner organizations and, as appropriate, other experts:

   a) arrange national seminars in Appendix-I Asian big cat range States, involving all relevant enforcement agencies, to promote a multi-disciplinary approach that will facilitate improved coordination and cooperation in the detection, investigation and prosecution of wildlife crime offences;

   b) develop a leaflet containing simple illustrations and guidance, to increase awareness of illegal trade in Asian big cats and the endangered status of the species amongst front-line law enforcement staff and border control staff;

   c) in consultation with Appendix-I Asian big cat range and consumer States conduct a review of implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP15) (Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species) in relation to all Asian big cats and prepare a report.
providing its findings and recommendations to the [65th meeting of the Standing Committee] [17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties]; and

d) gather information on incidents of poaching of and illegal trade in all Asian big cats since the beginning of 2010, undertake an analysis of the information, and prepare a report for the law enforcement community to be circulated in a restricted fashion to relevant enforcement agencies and range States.