

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



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Summary record of the second session of Committee II

5 March 2013: 11h10 – 12h20

Chair: R. Gabel (United States of America)
Secretariat: J. Scanlon
J. Barzdo
Rapporteurs: P. Cremona
A. Mathur

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Review of Resolutions

25. Proposals of the Secretariat

The Secretariat introduced document CoP16 Doc. 25 and its annexes, noting that the main purpose was to amend the wording of particular Resolutions in order to clarify their interpretation. It withdrew the proposal in Annex 6 on National Reports as this would be dealt with under Agenda item 30.

The Secretariat introduced Annexes 1.1 and 1.2 on proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP15), on submission of draft resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Because the Parties had not agreed at the present meeting to amend the Rules of Procedure to reduce the deadline for submission of working documents, it withdrew its proposal to amend this aspect of the Resolution.

In response to concern expressed by Japan that adoption of an official text of the Convention in Arabic would have cost implications not accounted for in the current budget proposal, the Secretariat clarified that the proposal was merely to add this as an item on the agenda of the next extraordinary meeting of the Conference of Parties and thus had no current cost implications. With this explanation, Japan supported the proposed amendments.

Mexico and the United States also expressed support. The United States proposed inserting the text and draft decisions into the title of the Resolution, following "draft resolutions". With this addition, the amendments to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 1.2 to document CoP16 Doc. 25, excluding the proposed change of "150" to 120 in paragraphs a) and b) under "RECOMMENDS", were accepted.

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.5 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 2 to document CoP16 Doc. 25 were accepted.

The Secretariat introduced Annexes 3.1 and 3.2 to document CoP16 Doc. 25 on proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev.) concerning trade in readily recognisable parts and derivatives.

Switzerland supported the proposed amendments. Botswana and Indonesia did not, the latter noting that urine and faeces might contain valuable DNA.

The United States supported the aspects of the proposal concerning urine and faeces, but not those concerning white ambergris, which they noted had High commercial value and could not be readily

distinguished from black ambergris. China agreed with the views of the United States on ambergris, and in addition opposed the exclusion of urine from the provisions of the Convention.

Ireland, on behalf of the Member States of the European Union and Croatia, proposed an amendment to the draft text to read as follows:

Urine, faeces and ~~white~~ ambergris (that has been naturally excreted by a sperm whale) are waste products ~~not considered as parts or derivatives of a CITES species~~ and are therefore not covered by the provisions of the Convention;

The Chair noted that there was broad support for the proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev) and Botswana and Indonesia agreed not to block the consensus.

The proposed amendments were accepted, with the amendment proposed by Ireland.

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15) in Annex 4 to CoP16 Doc. 25 were accepted.

The Secretariat introduced Annexes 5.1 and 5.2 to document CoP16 Doc. 25 on proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) concerning establishment of Committees.

Ireland, speaking on behalf of the Member States of the European Union and Croatia, agreed with all proposed amendments to the Resolution with the exception of the removal of paragraph h), and proposed revised text for this paragraph as follows:

~~to the extent possible, the Secretariat shall make provision for the payment, if requested, of reasonable and justifiable travel expenses of members, including attendance at the relevant committee meetings, and other expenses of the Chairs of the Standing Committee, the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee, for representatives from developing countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing states other than members from developed countries;~~

The Committee accepted this revised text, and the proposed amendments to other parts of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) set out in Annex 5.2 to document CoP16 Doc. 25.

The Secretariat introduced Annex 7 to document CoP16 Doc. 25 on proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.18 concerning trade in Appendix-II and -III species.

The United States and Ireland, on behalf of the Member States of the European Union and Croatia, proposed a number of amendments to the text. Canada, supported by Indonesia, asked for these interventions to be made available in writing before proceeding with the discussions. The Chair postponed further discussion until the next afternoon, pending submission of the proposed amendments by the United States and Ireland.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12h20.