

CONSIDERING the need of uniform interpretation of the Convention with regard to hunting trophies;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

1. RECOMMENDS that:

- a) with the exception of the rare case of exemptions granted under paragraph 3 of Article VII of the Convention, trade in hunting trophies of animals of the species listed in Appendix I be permitted only in accordance with Article III, i.e. accompanied by import and export permits;
- b) in order to achieve the envisaged complementary control of trade in Appendix-I species by the importing and exporting countries in the most effective and comprehensive manner, the Scientific Authority of the importing country accept the finding of the Scientific Authority of the exporting country that the exportation of the hunting trophy is not detrimental to the survival of the species, unless there are scientific or management data to indicate otherwise; and
- c) the scientific examination by the importing country in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of Article III of the Convention be carried out independently of the result of the scientific assessment by the exporting country in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of Article III, and vice versa.

* Amended at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.