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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee II

Review of the National Ivory Action Plans Process

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the working group on Review of the National Ivory Action Plans Process on the basis of document CoP19 Doc. 66.7 after discussion in the seventh session of Committee II (see document CoP19 Com. II Rec. 7).

Draft decisions on *Review of the National Ivory Action Plans Process*

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Directed to the Secretariat

19.AA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair ~~contract a consultant undertake the following:~~

- a) contract a consultant to conduct a review of the National Ivory Action Plan Process and the associated Guidelines in accordance with the following Terms of Reference: ~~to ensure that they continue to meet the goals of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) and effectively and efficiently improve national and international responses to elephant poaching and ivory trafficking, in a way that appropriately incorporates the use of existing tools and mechanisms available to Parties and avoids duplication of effort. The review of the National Ivory Action Plan Process and its Guidelines should inter alia:~~
 - i) ~~with reference to the above rationale, consider the need for the systematic, regular, and independent review to ensure equity in the application of the NIAP Process and Guidelines for all Parties; and~~
 - ii) ~~provide recommendations to facilitate and standardize reporting obligations under the NIAP Process, as well as the improved integration of the NIAP Process into existing tools and mechanisms, and alignment of compliance mechanisms;~~
 - i) review current updating practices of NIAPs and propose options to ensure that NIAPs remain up to date when circumstances on the ground have changed;
 - ii) provide a better understanding of the reasons behind the lack of reporting or late reporting and consider ways to facilitate timely reporting;
 - iii) consider the relationship between the NIAP process and other Article XIII processes in case there are Parties subject to both processes in parallel, and provide insights thereon;

iv) review the different reporting requirements and advise in particular whether and how the NIAP process could benefit from strengthened Annual Illegal Trade Reports under Res. Conf.11.17 (Rev. CoP18) to avoid duplication of efforts of reporting Parties;

v) analyse the different tools under ICCWC and advise whether and how they could be used for enhancing the NIAP process; and

b) provide the Standing Committee with a report on the results of the review for consideration at SC77.

19.BB The Secretariat shall undertake any additional tasks directed to it by the Standing Committee under Decision 19.CC, paragraph a).

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.CC The Standing Committee shall:

a) at its 77th meeting, review the report called for in Decision 19.AA₁, determine if further evaluation of the NIAP Process is needed and if so, outline any elements requiring further evaluation and direct the Secretariat to undertake the additional tasks as necessary and provide a report to the Committee at its 78th meeting; and

b) prepare a report, along with its recommendations for updating the NIAP Process, for consideration for the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.