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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLANS PROCESS

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Recommendations*Category A Parties***Democratic Republic of the Congo**

- a) The Standing Committee:
- i) notes that the Democratic Republic of the Congo did not submit a report on progress with NIAP implementation;
 - ii) consider any progress report submitted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo ahead of SC77, and any oral update at the present meeting and make any further recommendations as appropriate; and
 - iii) recalls that, unless satisfied with timely progress in the implementation of NIAP actions by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Committee had agreed at SC75 to make recommendations as appropriate at the present meeting, which might include recommendations in accordance with Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES compliance procedures*.
- b) ~~iv) The Standing Committee~~ requests the Secretariat, on behalf of the Committee and in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process* and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP18) on *CITES compliance procedures*, **to issue a Notification to the Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in all CITES-listed species with the Democratic Republic of the Congo**, until the Democratic Republic of the Congo complies with the provisions of Step 4, paragraphs a) and b), of the *Guidelines*.

Nigeria

- e) ~~b)~~ The Standing Committee:
- i) notes the limited progress made by Nigeria in implementing its NIAP and encourage the Party to step up efforts to progress implementation of its NIAP;
 - ii) agrees an overall rating of 'partial progress' for Nigeria, in accordance with Step 4, paragraph e), of the *Guidelines* in accordance with Step 4 paragraph e) of the *Guidelines*.

Togo and Viet Nam

~~d) c)~~ The Standing Committee:

- ~~i) notes the late submission of the that Togo and Viet Nam did not submit reports on progress with NIAP/NIRAP implementation by Togo and Viet Nam; and~~
 - ~~ii) requests the Secretariat to review and assess the two progress reports; consider any progress reports submitted by these Parties ahead of SC77, and any oral update provided by these Parties at the present meeting and make any further recommendations as appropriate.~~
 - ~~iii) if either of the two reports is not to the satisfaction of the Secretariat, requests the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with the relevant Party until that Party concerned submits a satisfactory progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP/NIRAP implementation~~
- ~~e) The Standing Committee is invited to request the Secretariat, in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process*, to issue a warning on behalf of the Committee, requesting the Parties concerned to submit their NIAP/NIRAP progress report to the Secretariat within 60 days of the conclusion of SC77.~~
- ~~f) if there is no satisfactory response by Togo or Viet Nam, the Standing Committee is invited to request the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Togo and/or Viet Nam until the Party concerned submits a progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation.~~

Category B Parties

Cambodia

~~f) d)~~ The Standing Committee:

- ~~i) notes the progress made by Cambodia in implementing its NIAP;~~
- ~~ii) agrees an overall rating of 'achieved' for Cambodia, in accordance with Step 4 paragraph e) of the *Guidelines* and invite the Secretariat to engage with relevant experts to further evaluate progress made by Cambodia so that the Secretariat can make a recommendation on whether Cambodia can exit the NIAP process.~~

Gabon

~~g) e)~~ The Standing Committee:

- ~~i) notes that Gabon did not submit reports on progress with NIAP implementation; and~~
 - ~~ii) requests the Secretariat in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the Guidelines to the NIAP process, on behalf of the Committee to request Gabon to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat within 60 days of the conclusion of SC77 consider any progress reports submitted by Gabon ahead of SC77, and any oral update at the present meeting and make any further recommendations as appropriate; and~~
 - ~~iii) if there is no satisfactory response by Gabon, requests the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Gabon until it submits a progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation urges Gabon to submit reports to the Elephant Trade Information System as a matter of urgency.~~
- ~~h) In accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process* and with paragraph 29 e) of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on CITES compliance procedures, the Standing Committee requests the Secretariat, on behalf of the Committee, to issue a written caution, requesting Gabon to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat and to offer assistance to Gabon.~~

Malaysia

†) f) The Standing Committee:

- i) notes that Malaysia did not submit submitted a report on progress with NIAP implementation after the deadline; and
- ii) requests the Secretariat to review and assess the progress report and bring any matters of concern to its attention at SC78;
- iii) urges Malaysia to submit its progress report on NIAP implementation no later than 90 days before the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee consider any progress reports submitted by Malaysia ahead of SC77, and any oral update at the present meeting and make any further recommendations as appropriate.

~~j) In accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process* and with paragraph 29 c) of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*, the Standing Committee is invited to request the Secretariat, on behalf of the Committee, to issue a written caution, requesting Malaysia to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat and to offer assistance to Malaysia.~~

Mozambique

k) g) The Standing Committee:

- i) notes the limited progress made by Mozambique in implementing its NIRAP and encourage the Party to step up efforts to progress implementation of its NIRAP;
- ii) agrees an overall rating of 'partial progress' for Mozambique, in accordance with Step 4, paragraph e), of the *Guidelines* in accordance with Step 4 paragraph e) of the *Guidelines*.

Category C Parties

Angola

†) h) The Standing Committee:

- i) notes that the report submitted by Angola does not include new progress made, and therefore express serious concern about the stagnation of NIAP implementation in Angola in the past two years;
- ii) requests the Secretariat in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the Guidelines to the NIAP process, on behalf of the Committee to request Angola to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat within 60 days of the conclusion of SC77 consider any progress reports submitted by Angola ahead of SC77, and any oral update provided at the present meeting and make any further recommendations as appropriate;
- iii) if there is no satisfactory response by Angola, requests the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Angola until it submits a progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation.

~~m) In accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process* and with paragraph 29 c) of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*, the Standing Committee requests the Secretariat, on behalf of the Committee, to issue a written caution, requesting Angola to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat and to offer assistance to Angola.~~

n) i) The Standing Committee notes the request of Angola for technical assistance in training, and encourage Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and others to provide, where possible, financial and technical assistance to Angola to support the implementation of its NIAP.

Cameroon

e) j) The Standing Committee:

- i) notes the limited progress made by Cameroon in implementing its NIAP and encourage the Party to step up efforts to progress implementation of its NIAP;
- ii) agrees an overall rating of 'limited progress' for Cameroon, in accordance with Step 4, paragraph e), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process*;
- iii) encourages Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and others to provide, where possible, financial and technical assistance to Cameroon to support the implementation of its NIAP.

Congo

p) k) The Standing Committee:

- i) notes that the Congo did not submit reports on progress with NIAP implementation;
- ii) requests the Secretariat in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the Guidelines to the NIAP process, on behalf of the Committee to request Congo to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat within 60 days of the conclusion of SC77 consider any progress report submitted by the Congo ahead of SC77, and any oral update provided at the present meeting, and make any further recommendations as appropriate;
- iii) if there is no satisfactory response by Congo, requests the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Congo until it submits a progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation.

iii) l) The Standing Committee urges the Congo to submit reports to the Elephant Trade Information System as a matter of urgency.

~~q) In accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process* and with paragraph 29 c) of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*, the Standing Committee requests the Secretariat, on behalf of the Committee, to issue a written caution, requesting the Congo to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat and to offer assistance to the Congo.~~

Lao People's Democratic Republic

r) m) The Standing Committee:

- i) notes that the Lao People's Democratic Republic did not submit reports on progress with NIAP implementation;
 - ii) requests the Secretariat in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the Guidelines to the NIAP process, on behalf of the Committee to request Lao PDR to submit their NIAP progress report to the Secretariat within 60 days of the conclusion of SC77 consider any progress reports submitted by the Lao People's Democratic Republic ahead of SC77, and any oral update provided at the present meeting, and make any further recommendations as appropriate;
 - iii) if there is no satisfactory response by Lao PDR, requests the Secretariat to issue a Notification to Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Lao PDR until they submit a progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation.
- ~~s) In accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process* and with paragraph 29 c) of the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*, the Standing Committee requests the Secretariat, on behalf of the Committee, to issue a written caution, requesting the Lao People's Democratic Republic to submit its NIAP progress report to the Secretariat and to offer assistance to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.~~

Qatar

‡ n) The Standing Committee:

- i) notes the progress made by Qatar in implementing its NIAP and encourage the Party to step up efforts to progress implementation of its NIAP;
- ii) agrees an overall rating of 'partial progress' for Qatar, in accordance with Step 4, paragraph e), of the *Guidelines of the NIAP process*.