

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



Seventy-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 6–10 November 2023

SUMMARY

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER
MORNING

The Secretariat informed the Committee of the change of Representative of the Member elected as Chair (United States of America) and introduced Ms. Naimah Aziz, as the new Representative of the United States of America and Chair of the meeting.

Opening remarks of the Chair *No document*

The Chair welcomed the participants and opened the meeting.

Opening remarks of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General gave opening remarks and provided an update on the Secretariat's activities.

1. Agenda..... SC77 Doc. 1

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as set out in document SC77 Doc. 1.

2. Adoption of the working programme..... SC77 Doc. 2

The Committee adopted its working programme as set out in document SC77 Doc. 2 and as amended by the Secretariat, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Madagascar, noting that a revision of the document will be published following the adoption.

3. Rules of Procedure..... SC77 Doc. 3

The Committee noted that its Rules of Procedure as set out in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 3 remain valid for this meeting.

4. Credentials..... *No document*

The Standing Committee noted that 17 delegations of the Members and alternate Members of the Standing Committee had provided credentials.

5. Admission of observers..... SC77 Doc. 5

The Committee noted the list of observer organizations that had been invited to attend the meeting as set out in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 5.

6. Report of the Chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees..... SC77 Doc. 6

The Committee noted the information in document SC77 Doc. 6.

7. Standard disclosure form for Members of the Animals and Plants Committees SC77 Doc. 7

The Committee did not agree to the proposed amendment to the *Standard disclosure form for CITES declarations of interest*.

27. Establishment of the CITES Global Youth Network SC77 Doc. 27 (Rev. 1)

The Committee noted the suggestion made by Senegal to issue a Notification and the invitation by the Sustainable Use Coalition South Africa to host youths from the CITES Global Youth Network.

The Committee:

- a) supported Singapore's efforts in establishing the CITES Global Youth Network (CGYN);
- b) invited interested Parties to join Singapore's effort in the establishment of the CGYN;
- c) encouraged Parties and observers to nominate youths affiliated with their organization to attend the CITES Youth Leadership Programme in the first half of 2024 and Global Youth Summit from 2025 onwards; and
- d) requested the Secretariat to support the efforts of Singapore and relevant Parties on the establishment of the CITES Global Youth Network.

8. Financial matters..... SC77 Doc. 8

The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 8 and agreed that further discussion on these matters would be referred to the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee (FBSC).

9. Terms of reference of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee SC77 Doc. 9

The Standing Committee agreed that:

- a) the terms of reference of the Standing Committee Finance and Budget Subcommittee as amended by the Secretariat in the Annex to document SC77 Doc. 9 be annexed to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*; and
- b) further discussion on the proposal by India outlined below would be referred to the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee (FBSC):

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

Regarding the establishment of committees

1. ESTABLISHES the Standing Committee of the Conference of the Parties, which shall be the senior committee and shall report to the Conference of the Parties in accordance with its Terms of Reference as found in Annex 1 of this Resolution;

~~2. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to establish a Finance and Budget Subcommittee and specify its terms of reference;~~

23. ESTABLISHES the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee as its scientific advisory bodies, which shall report to the Conference of the Parties at its meetings and, if so requested, to the Standing Committee between meetings of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with their Terms of Reference as found in Annex 2 of this Resolution;

32. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to establish a Finance and Budget Subcommittee and specify its **with the terms of reference as found in Annex 3 to this Resolution**;

10. Administrative matters
- 10.1 Report of the Secretariat SC77 Doc. 10.1
The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 10.1.
- 10.2 Report of the United Nations Environment Programme on administrative matters .. SC77 Doc. 10.2
The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 10.2 and the comment made by Canada.
13. Access to funding.....SC77 Doc. 13 (Rev.1)
The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 13 (Rev. 1) and the comments made by Brazil, Georgia, Indonesia, Mexico and the Wildlife Conservation Society.
14. Sponsored Delegates Project SC77 Doc. 14
The Committee:
- a) agreed that the general provision of support under the Sponsored Delegates Project (SDP) for non-Member delegates attending the meetings of the Animals, Plants and Standing Committees would not be possible at this time;
 - b) recommended to the Conference of the Parties to expand the SDP to the Standing Committee only in support of the participation of two delegates of developing country Parties subject to an Article-XIII process possibly by maintaining Decision 19.10;
 - c) encouraged Parties to make their financial contributions to the Sponsored Delegates Project as early as possible for maximum use and preferably no later than five months before the meeting of the CoP and, as far as possible, with flexibility regarding the use; and
 - d) requested the Secretariat to review those longstanding aspects of Decision 18.12 that could be incorporated into Resolution Conf. 17.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *Sponsored Delegates Project*, taking into account the recommendation by New Zealand to include a new criteria for developing country Parties that have recently joined the Convention, and report back to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.
15. Arrangements for the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.....(no document)
The Committee noted the information provided by the Secretariat and invited the Secretariat to keep the Standing Committee informed of any progress.
23. Capacity-building
- 23.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 19.2 on Capacity-building SC77 Doc. 23.1 (Rev.1)
The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 23.1 (Rev. 1).
- 23.2 Report by the Sudan..... SC77 Doc. 23.2
The Committee noted document SC77 Doc. 23.2.