

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



Seventy-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee  
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DRAFT DECISIONS ON  
SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND TRADE

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One edit proposed by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland marked as [UK].  
One edit proposed by the United States of America marked as [USA].*

**Directed to the Secretariat**

**20.AA** The Secretariat shall prepare an analysis of the history of recommendations to suspend trade (or trade for commercial purposes) in specimens of CITES-listed species with a Party subject to a compliance procedure including, inter alia, legal considerations (e.g. consistent with the obligation found in the text of the Convention), benefits, repercussions, and adverse effects on third Parties, of such recommendations, particularly on those for all trade of all CITES-listed species, for consideration of the Standing Committee.

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**20.BB** The Standing Committee shall take into consideration the analysis prepared by the Secretariat under Decision 20.AA and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its 21st meeting.

**Directed to the Standing Committee, with the support of the Secretariat**

**20.XX** With the support of the Secretariat, the Standing Committee shall ~~consider~~ prepare draft guidance on the scope and application of a recommendation to suspend all trade (or trade for commercial purposes) in specimens of one or more all CITES-listed species with a Party subject to a compliance procedure decided consistent [USA] agreed in accordance with paragraph 30 of Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on CITES compliance procedures, including standard terminology for describing suspensions, [UK] and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its 21st meeting.