

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



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSITIONS AT CITES SC78 DURING PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

1. This document has been submitted by the United States of America* in relation to the following agenda items at the 78th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee (SC78):
 - 31.1 National laws for implementation of the Convention
 - Doc. 31.1 Paragraph 49 b), and Doc 32.2 Paragraph 6
 - 33.1 Implementation of Article XIII and Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) on *CITES compliance procedures*
 - Doc. 33.1 Paragraph 74: h) and i)
 - 33.2 Expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) for all range states;
 - Doc. 33.2 Paragraph 67: a) i), b) i), c) vi), d) iii), and e)
 - 33.3 Application of Article XIII in Bangladesh;
 - Doc. 33.3 Paragraph 49 a)
 - 33.5 Application of Article XIII in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
 - Doc. 33.5 Paragraph 26 a) chapeau
 - 33.6 Application of Article XIII in Ecuador and Peru;
 - Doc. 33.6 Paragraph 80 a)
 - 33.7 Application of Article XIII in Guinea
 - Doc. 33.7 Paragraph 39 a)
 - 33.8 Application of Article XIII in Lao People's Democratic Republic;
 - Doc. 33.8 Paragraph 71 a)
 - 33.9 Application of Article XIII in Nigeria;
 - Doc. 33.9 Paragraph 37 a) chapeau
 - 34 Review of Significant Trade in specimens in Appendix-II species
 - Doc. 34.2 Paragraph 23 f) i), g) i), i) i), p) i), and q) i)
 - 35.1 Resolution Conf. 17.7 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity*
 - Doc. 35.1 Paragraph 25 f), g), and h)
2. On January 20, 2025, a new presidential administration took office in the United States. To allow the new Administration to familiarize itself with the ongoing work of CITES and align any U.S. positions with the new administration's policy goals, the United States requests that the Standing Committee defer any decision making that would effectuate immediate changes, specifically the recommendations itemized in paragraph 1, to a future CITES meeting (i.e., SC79, CoP20, or SC81). The Trump Administration is currently working

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to comprehensively review international policy issues and appreciates the Standing Committee's consideration of this request.