

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



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Strategic matters

Existing Resolutions and Decisions

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Corrections of non-substantive errors in Resolutions

2. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP19) on *Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the Secretariat has reviewed the Resolutions and Decisions and identified the following non-substantive errors.

Appendices, Resolutions or Decisions	Non-substantive error
Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>National laws for the implementation of the Convention</i>	<p>– Update the reference to the Strategic Vision in the preamble as follows:</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGING the adoption of Resolution Conf. 14.2 on the <i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013</i> and Resolution Conf. 18.3 on the <i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030</i>, particularly Objective 1.1 that Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through the adoption and implementation of appropriate <u>legislation</u>, policies, <del>legislation</del> and procedures;</p>
Resolution Conf. 10.3 on <i>Designation and role of the Scientific Authorities</i>	<p>– Put in chronological order the references to meetings of the Conference of the Parties as follows:</p> <p>RECOGNIZING further that these responsibilities are elaborated upon in [...] in Resolutions Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15) and Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP18), adopted at its ninth meeting and amended at its 15th meeting for Resolution Conf. 9.19 (Rev. CoP15) and 13th and 18th meetings for Resolution Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP18) respectively;</p>
Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Transport of live specimens</i>	<p>– Paragraph 2 c) refers to the “International Animal Health Organisation (OIE)” and this should be updated to the newly agreed name “World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)” as follows:</p> <p>2. RECOMMENDS that: [...]</p>

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	c) the regular communication of the CITES Secretariat and the Standing Committee with IATA's Live Animals and Perishables Board and with the board of directors of the Animals Transportation Association (AATA) be continued and that a relationship with the <del>International Animal Health Organisation (OIE)</del> <u>World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)</u> and the International Plants Protection Convention (IPPC) be developed;
Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Compliance and enforcement</i>	– Paragraph 28 b) refers incorrectly to “ <del>Multilateral</del> Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs)”, while it should refer to “ <u>Mutual</u> Legal Assistance Treaties” in line with Article 18 of the <a href="#">United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime</a> .
Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Use of annotations in Appendices I and II</i>	<p>– Correct the French version to better align it with the English version and with the terminology used in the Convention, as follows:</p> <p>RAPPELANT en outre que la Conférence des Parties a décidé, à ses 2e et 4e sessions, que l’inscription d’une espèce végétale à l’Annexe II ou à l’Annexe III, et d’une espèce animale à l’Annexe III, sans annotation devait être interprétée comme couvrant l’animal ou la plante, <del>tout</del> <u>entier</u>, vivant ou mort, et tous les parties et produits faciles à identifier, et que cette opinion n’a été modifiée par aucune décision ultérieure de la Conférence des Parties;</p> <p>1. CONVIENT que:</p> <p>a) les annotations suivantes sont des annotations de référence; elles servent uniquement à informer:</p> <p>i) annotations indiquant qu’une ou plusieurs populations géographiquement <del>séparées</del> <u>isolées</u>, sous-espèces ou espèces du taxon annoté, sont inscrites à une autre annexe; [<i>“geographically separate populations” is translated as “populations géographiquement isolés” in the Convention</i>] [...]</p> <p>b) les annotations suivantes sont des annotations de fond, qui font partie intégrante de l’inscription de l’espèce:</p> <p>i) annotations spécifiant l’inclusion ou l’exclusion de populations géographiquement isolées désignées, de sous-espèces, <u>d’espèces</u>, <u>de</u> groupes d’espèces ou <u>de</u> taxons supérieurs, pouvant inclure des quotas d’exportation; et [<i>grammatical correction</i>] [...]</p> <p>h) aucune référence aux décisions ou résolutions de la Conférence des Parties ne <del>doit</del> <u>devrait pas</u> être incluse dans les annotations ; [<i>should in English</i>]</p> <p>i) si nécessaire, les définitions des termes et expressions clés utilisés dans les annotations <del>doivent</del> <u>devraient</u> être indiquées dans la section Interprétation des annexes ; et [<i>should in English</i>] [...]</p> <p>3. CONVIENT aussi qu’une proposition d’inscrire <del>des</del> <u>une</u> espèces végétales à l’Annexe II, ou de transférer <del>des</del> <u>une</u> espèces végétales de l’Annexe I à l’Annexe II, est interprétée comme incluant la plante entière, vivante ou morte et <u>toutes</u> les parties et <u>tous</u> les produits facilement à identifier <del>ser</del> si la proposition ne comporte pas d’annotation <del>spécifiant</del> <u>mentionnant</u> les types de spécimens <del>couverts</del> <u>à inscrire</u>; [<i>singular in English; “readily recognizable” is translated as “facilement identifiable” and “specified” is translated as “mentionné” in the Convention</i>]</p>

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	<p>4. CONVIENT en outre que, pour une <del>les</del> espèces végétales inscrites à l'Annexe II ou à l'Annexe III, et une espèce animale inscrite à l'Annexe III, l'absence d'annotation à ces espèces signifie que <u>toutes les parties et tous les produits facilement</u> à identifier <del>ser</del> sont <del>couverts</del> <u>inscrits</u>; [<i>singular in English; "readily recognizable" is translated as "facilement identifiable" and "specified" is translated as "mentionné" in the Convention</i>]</p> <p>In paragraph 5, "which specifies the types of specimens" should be translated by "qui mentionne les types de specimens" to follow the terminology in the Convention.</p>
Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) on <i>Permits and certificates</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In Spanish, a letter is missing from the eighth preambular paragraph that should read: "<b>R</b>ECONOCIENDO que las Partes no tienen obligación alguna de expedir permisos o certificados en formato electrónico;"</li> </ul>
Resolution Conf. 14.5 on <i>Dialogue meetings</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" to the gender-neutral term of "Chair" and "Vice-Chair" throughout the Resolution.</li> </ul>
Resolution Conf. 19.3 on <i>Gender and international trade in wild fauna and flora</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In French, use consistently "genre" as the French translation of "gender" as follows in the Preamble:</li> </ul> <p>NOTANT que l'égalité <u>de genre</u> entre les sexes et l'intégration de la dimension de genre sont essentielles au succès des efforts déployés dans le monde en faveur du développement durable et bénéficient de la reconnaissance de divers accords internationaux et instruments politiques, tels que le Programme de développement durable à l'horizon 2030 ;</p> <p>NOTANT EN OUTRE que la participation et l'autonomisation des femmes et des filles figurent en tête des priorités des Nations Unies et que la réalisation de cet objectif s'appuie sur des programmes et des plans d'action sur l'égalité <u>de genre</u> <del>des sexes</del> établis par diverses organisations des Nations Unies ; et</p>
Resolution Conf. 19.5 on <i>Conservation of and trade in marine turtles</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the preamble, add the full name of the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU as follows (the O in MOU is capitalized by CMS):</li> </ul> <p>RECALLING the <u>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asian (IOSEA) Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding (MeOU)</u> is a non-binding intergovernmental agreement that aims to protect, conserve, and recover sea turtles and their habitats in the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Throughout the preamble and in paragraph 13, change the capitalization of the acronym of Memorandum of Understanding so it reads "IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU" (and not MoU).</li> </ul>

### Substantive but minor changes to Resolutions

3. A Party recently drew the Secretariat's attention to paragraph 1 c) of Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species* that makes reference to outdated HS codes. Specifically, the HS codes for plywood in the Resolution (HS codes 44.12.13, 44.12.14, and 44.12.22) have been outdated since 2007. Unfortunately, based on the correlation tables provided by the World Customs Organization for each edition of its HS Nomenclature, these three original HS codes have been replaced by 12 HS codes (see Annex 2 to the present document). In order to simplify the implementation of the

Convention by Parties and to keep with the practice of using in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) “high level” codes for logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets, the Secretariat proposes to simply refer to HS code 44.12 for plywood. The Secretariat also checked the HS Nomenclature Edition 2022 and noticed that the description of HS codes had been updated. The Secretariat therefore proposes that these definitions be also updated in footnote 2 of Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18). All proposed changes can be found in Annex 1 to the present document. The Secretariat also checked the reference to HS code 44.09 for transformed wood and no changes are needed.

4. As part of its review of Decisions, the Secretariat noted that Decision 18.55 on *Cooperation on the Black sea bottlenose dolphins* (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*) has been revised and maintained since CoP17. The Decision aims to ensure that the Secretariat continue its collaboration with the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS) for effective conservation of CITES-listed species of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea, in the context of, and in accordance with, Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and Synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)*. As such, the Secretariat proposes to incorporate *Tursiops truncatus* as one of the priority species under Resolution Conf. 13.3 as shown in Annex 3 to the present document.
5. Furthermore, the Secretariat also noted as part of its work on annotations that, following the adoption at CoP19 of amendment proposal CoP19 Prop. 43 that deleted “in solid or liquid media” in annotations #1, #4, #14 and P4, the Conference of the Parties omitted to consider and adopt a consequential change in paragraph 8 of Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants*. This consequential change is contained in Annex 4 to the present document.

#### Resolutions to be revised in the next intersessional period

6. As part of its regular review of Resolutions and Decisions, the Secretariat noted that Resolution Conf. 10.4 (Rev. CoP14) on [Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on Biological Diversity](#) and Resolution Conf. 13.2 (Rev. CoP14) on [Sustainable use of biodiversity: Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines](#) would benefit from a revision in order to reflect the most recent developments under the Convention on Biological Diversity and other relevant intergovernmental bodies. Should the Standing Committee wish to undertake these revisions, the Secretariat is proposing draft decisions in Annex 5 to the present document.

#### Recommendation

7. The Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) review and agree to the proposed corrections of the non-substantive errors outlined above in paragraph 2 above and instruct the Secretariat to republish the Resolutions concerned with the necessary corrections;
  - b) review and agree to submit the amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18) on *Implementation of the Convention for tree species* as contained in Annex 1 to the present document to the Conference of the Parties;
  - c) review and agree to submit the amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)* as contained in Annex 3 to the present document to the Conference of the Parties;
  - d) review and agree to submit the amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Regulation of trade in plants* as contained in Annex 4 to the present document to the Conference of the Parties;
  - e) review and agree to submit the draft decisions on *Review of Resolution Conf. 10.4 (Rev. CoP14) on Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on Biological Diversity and Resolution Conf. 13.2 (Rev. CoP14) on Sustainable use of biodiversity: Addis Ababa principles and guidelines* as contained in Annex 5 to the present document to the Conference of the Parties; and
  - f) comment on any further consolidations or corrections that are needed.

AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION CONF. 10.13 (REV. COP18) ON  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION FOR TREE SPECIES

(new text is underlined; deleted text is shown in ~~strikethrough~~)

**Regarding parts and derivatives**

c) the following definitions be applied with respect to annotations in the CITES Appendices:

i) Logs

All wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, for processing, notably into sawn wood, pulpwood or veneer sheets (HS code 44.032<sup>2</sup>);

ii) Sawn wood

Wood simply sawn lengthwise or produced by a profile-chipping process. Sawn wood normally exceeds 6 mm in thickness (HS code 44.06<sup>2</sup>, HS code 44.07<sup>2</sup>);

iii) Veneer sheets

Thin layers or sheets of wood of uniform thickness, usually 6 mm or less, usually peeled or sliced, for use in making plywood, for veneering furniture, veneer containers, etc. (HS code 44.08<sup>2</sup>); and

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<sup>2</sup> HS refers to the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization describing and coding goods in trade. The codes referred to in this document for timber include the following:

44.03 Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared

44.06 Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood

44.07 Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or fingerend-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm

44.08 ~~Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood (whether or not spliced) and other wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm~~ Sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm.

44.12 Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood.

~~44.12.13 Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood, each ply not exceeding 6 mm in thickness, and with at least one outer ply of tropical wood specified in Subheading Note 1 below<sup>†</sup>~~

~~44.12.14 Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood, each ply not exceeding 6 mm in thickness, and with at least one outer ply of non-coniferous wood~~

~~44.12.22 Other (meaning one ply, or more, that is greater than 6 mm in thickness), with at least one outer ply of non-coniferous wood, and with at least one ply of tropical wood specified in Subheading Note 1 below<sup>†</sup>~~

<sup>†</sup> ~~Subheading Note 1: For the purposes of subheadings 44.03.41 to 44.03.49, 44.07.24 to 44.07.29, 44.08.31 to 44.08.39, and 44.12.13 to 44.12.99, the expression 'tropical wood' means one of the following types of wood:~~

~~Abura, Acajou d'Afrique, Afrormosia, Ako, Alan, Andiroba, Aningré, Avodiré, Azobé, Balau, Balsa, Bossé clair, Bossé foncé, Cativo, Cedro, Dabema, Dark Red Meranti, Dibétou, Doussié, Framiré, Freijo, Fromager, Fuma, Geronggang, Homba, Imbuia, Ipé, Iroko, Jaboty, Jelutong, Jequitiba, Jongkong, Kapur, Kempas, Keruing, Kosipo, Kotibó, Koto, Light Red Meranti, Limba, Louro, Maçaranduba, Mahogany, Makoré, Mandioqueira, Mansonia, Mengkulang, Meranti Bakau, Merawan, Merbau, Merpauh, Mersawa, Moabi, Niangon, Nyatoh, Obeche, Okoumé, Onzabili, Orey, Ovengkol, Ozigo, Padauk, Paldao, Palissandre de Guatemala, Palissandre de Para, Palissandre de Rio, Palissandre de Rose, Pau Amarelo, Pau Marfim, Pulai, Punah, Quaruba, Ramin, Sapelli, Saqui-Saqui, Sopotir, Sipo, Sucupira, Suren, Teak, Tauari, Tiama, Tola, Virola, White Lauan, White Meranti, White Seraya, Yellow Meranti.~~

iv) Plywood

Consisting of three or more sheets of wood glued and pressed one on the other and generally disposed so that the grains of successive layers are at an angle (HS code 44.12.13<sup>2</sup>, ~~HS code 44.12.14<sup>2</sup>, and HS code 44.12.22<sup>2</sup>~~); and

HS NOMENCLATURE CORRELATION TABLES FOR HS CODES 44.12.13, HS CODE 44.12.14, AND HS CODE 44.12.22

<b>2002 Edition</b> [reference in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP18)]	<b>2007 Edition</b>	<b>2012 Edition</b>	<b>2017 Edition</b>	<b>2022 Edition</b>
4412.13	4412.31	4412.31	4412.31	4412.31
4412.14	4412.32	4412.32	4412.31 4412.33 4412.34	4412.31 4412.33 4412.34
4412.22	4412.94	4412.94	4412.94	4412.51 4412.52 4412.59
	4412.99	4412.99	4412.99	4412.41 4412.42 4412.49 4412.91 4412.92 4412.99

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION CONF. 13.3 ON  
COOPERATION AND SYNERGY WITH THE CONVENTION ON THE  
CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS (CMS)

(new text is underlined)

1. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to keep under regular review the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the Secretariats of CITES and CMS on 18 September 2002, in particular with a view to:

[...]

- b) ensuring that CITES initiatives in respect of the following species or taxonomic groups complement, reinforce and, as far as possible, benefit from the regional collaboration already being undertaken or envisaged in the framework of CMS:

[...]

- v) cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*), lions (*Panthera leo*) and leopards (*Panthera pardus*); and [text proposed by the Animals Committee]
- vi) CITES-listed species of cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea in collaboration with the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS);



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION CONF. 11.11 (REV. COP18) ON  
*REGULATION OF TRADE IN PLANTS*

(deleted text is in ~~strike~~through)

**Regarding flaked seedlings of Appendix-I orchids**

8. RECOMMENDS that flaked seedlings of orchid species included in Appendix I obtained *in vitro*, ~~in solid or liquid media~~, and transported in sterile containers, be interpreted as being exempt from CITES control only if they have been artificially propagated in accordance with the definition provided above, taking into account the provisions of Article VII, paragraph 4, and Article I, paragraph (b) (iii), and agreeing to a derogation from Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev. CoP19)<sup>2</sup> for this exemption;

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<sup>2</sup> Corrected by the Secretariat following the 16th and 19th meetings of the Conference of the Parties: originally referred to Resolution Conf. 9.6 (Rev.).

DRAFT DECISION ON *REVIEW OF RESOLUTION CONF. 10.4 (REV. COP14) ON COOPERATION AND SYNERGY WITH THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND RESOLUTION CONF. 13.2 (REV. COP14) ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY: ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES*

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

**20.AA** The Standing Committee, with the support of the Secretariat, shall:

- a) review Resolution Conf. 10.4 (Rev. CoP14) on [Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on Biological Diversity](#) and Resolution Conf. 13.2 (Rev. CoP14) on [Sustainable use of biodiversity: Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines](#) to reflect the most recent developments under the Convention on Biological Diversity and other relevant intergovernmental bodies; and
- b) submit new or revised Resolutions to the Conference for the Parties.