



## ANNEX 4



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# LETTER FROM THE PLANTS COMMITTEE TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE, REGARDING *ARAUCARIA ARAUCANA*



December, 19<sup>th</sup> 2000

**TO:KENNETH STANSELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**FROM:MARGARITA CLEMENTE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE**

Dear Chairman,

The Plants Committee in its tenth meeting thoroughly discussed the issue of *Araucaria araucana*, as presented in Doc. PC 10.9.1 and Doc. PC 10.9.1a.

The Plants Committee agreed unanimously that the intention at PC 9 meeting was to achieve the objective of listing of *Araucaria araucana* on Appendix I without exclusions to avoid in this way the split listing of the species.

After having discussed the history of inclusion of populations of *Araucaria araucana* in the Appendices, the Plants Committee believes that there is no other "population" of the species outside Chile and Argentina.

The Plants Committee therefore informs the Standing Committee of this opinion and requests that the Standing Committee directs the Secretariat to issue a notification which reflects the original intent of the proposal, supporting the position of Argentina and Chile to include the species in Appendix I. The Plants Committee requests that this subject be dealt with urgently out of the session.

The Plants Committee is of the opinion that the discussion regarding naturalized populations in general, should be addressed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Criteria Working Group, which will be held in Spain, February/March 2001.

Yours Sincerely

Prof. Dr. MARGARITA CLEMENTE

ON BEHALF OF THE PLANTS COMMITTEE

c/c: Argentina, Chile,

Plants Committee Representatives [Africa: Mr. Luke (Kenya) & Mr. Donaldson, (South Africa);

Asia: Mr. Shaari (Malaysia) & Mr. Singh (India); Central and South America & Caribbean:

Mr. Forero (Colombia) & Ms Werkhoven (Surinam); Europe: Mr. De Koning (The Netherlands) &

Ms. Clemente (Spain); North America: Mr. von Arx (Canada); Mr. Leach (Oceania)]

Chairman CWG.

