EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Opening of the meeting.............................................................................................................................................. No document

Participants were welcomed by Mr. John E. Scanlon, Secretary-General of CITES and Ms. Adrianne Sinclair, Chair of the Plants Committee, who delivered opening remarks.

The Chair of the Plants Committee, Ms. Sinclair, then opened the meeting.

The Committee noted that no member present declared any financial interests that he or she considered calling into question his or her impartiality, objectivity or independence regarding any subject on the meeting agenda.

1. Agenda.................................................................................................................................................................................. PC23 Doc. 1

   The Committee adopted the agenda in document PC23 Doc. 1.

2. Working programme .............................................................................................................................................................. PC23 Doc. 2

   The Committee adopted the working programme in document PC23 Doc. 2 with the following amendment: agenda item 29 on *Periodic Review of the Appendices* will be taken as the first agenda item in the afternoon session on Monday 24 July.

3. Election of the Vice-chair......................................................................................................................................................... No document

   The Committee agreed to postpone the election of the Vice-Chair of the Plants Committee at a later time in the meeting.

4. Rules of Procedure

   4.1 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure ................................................................................................................................. PC23 Doc. 4.1 (Rev. 1)

      The Committee noted the Rules of Procedure of the Plants Committee as amended at the 22nd meeting and contained in the Annex to document PC23 Doc. 4.1 (Rev. 1).

   4.2 Revision of the Rules of Procedure..................................................................................................................................... No document

      The Committee agreed to consider the issue of the revision of the Rules of Procedure at its 24th meeting.

5. Admission of observers ......................................................................................................................................................... PC23 Doc. 5

   The Committee noted the list of observers provided in document PC23 Doc. 5.