

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

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Thirty-third Meeting of the Standing Committee  
Fort Lauderdale (United States of America), 17 November 1994  
12h15 - 13h00

SUMMARY REPORT

Members:

Depositary Government:	P. Dollinger (Chairman)
Africa:	H. Rumpf (Namibia) M. A. Kane (Senegal) A. M. Elobeid (Sudan)
Asia:	M. I. Umezu (Japan) P. Thanadka (Thailand)
Europe:	S. Tveritinov (Russian Federation) R. Sharp (United Kingdom)
North America:	E. Ezcurra (Mexico)
Oceania:	M. R. Hosking (New Zealand)
South and Central America and the Caribbean:	V. Lichtschein (Argentina) N. Nathai-Gyan (Trinidad and Tobago)
Host Country:	M. P. Jones (USA)

Observers:

Bulgaria:	G. Spiridonov
Burkina Faso:	S. McCosker
Canada:	D. Brackett
France:	J.-J. Lafitte
India:	S. C. Dey
Pakistan:	A. Ullah J.
Saint Lucia:	H. D. Walters
South Africa:	P. Mulder
Sweden:	S. Johansson
United Republic of Tanzania:	E. Severre

UNEP: R. Olembo

Secretariat: I. Topkov  
J. Berney

Rapporteur: J. Gavitt

### 1. Opening of the meeting and remarks by the Chairman

The representative of the Depository Government, in his capacity as the Acting Chairman of the meeting, welcomed the former and recently elected members of the Committee. He gave a brief history of the Standing Committee. He cautioned the new members that the work of the Committee should not exceed the role established by the Parties.

He explained that there were two items of substance for discussion by the Committee: firstly, an amendment to Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee; secondly, the election of the Committee's Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Alternate Vice-Chairman.

### 2. Amendment to Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee

The Committee agreed that Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee should be amended to read as follows:

"In the absence of a Regional Representative an Alternate Regional Representative shall exercise the voting rights of the Region".

The representative of North America suggested that the Committee may wish to amend other Rules, including Rules 11,14 and 15. The Chairman agreed, but stated that such matters should be settled during another meeting of the Committee.

### 3. Election of officers

The Chairman noted that all regional members were represented, except for Oceania, which was represented by its alternate, New Zealand. The Chairman asked the new Committee members for their nominations for the Chairmanship of the Committee. The representative of South and Central America and the Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago) nominated the United Kingdom, and the representative of Africa (Senegal) nominated Japan. The representative of the United Kingdom, stating that he did not wish to see a contested election, withdrew the candidature of the United Kingdom. The Committee then by consensus elected Japan to take the Chairmanship of the Committee.

The Chairman congratulated the representative of Japan on Japan's appointment to the Chairmanship, requesting that the same person be available to attend the meetings of the Committee, because of the complexity of the issues addressed by the Committee and the fact that subjects under discussion often continue from one meeting to the next. The representative of Asia stated that Japan would endeavour as far as possible to comply with this request.

The former Chairman (New Zealand) also congratulated the representative of Japan on Japan's election to the Chairmanship, referring him to the report of the Chairman that had been prepared for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The former Chairman also offered to assist the representative of Japan on any matters concerning the Chairmanship.

The representative of Africa (Namibia) nominated, and the Committee approved, the United Kingdom as the Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The representative of Oceania nominated, and the Committee approved, Trinidad and Tobago as the Alternate Vice-Chairman.

The observer from UNEP expressed to the members of the former Committee his appreciation for their hard work since the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties. He noted that the relationship between UNEP and the Parties and the Secretariat had been

excellent, and he appealed to the new members of the Committee to help ensure that this would continue.

The Secretary General thanked the former Committee members and the observers for their hard work, noting that the challenges faced by the new Committee would be great. The former Vice-Chairman noted that the former Chairman had performed an outstanding job, and said that she was confident that the work of the new Chairman would follow in that same manner.

The Secretary General suggested, and the Committee agreed, that the meeting of the Committee the following day be a closed session, and not be announced.

The Committee then discussed the countries named as alternate regional representatives of the Committee. The Committee agreed that the regional representatives and their alternates would be as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
AFRICA	Senegal Namibia Sudan	Burkina Faso South Africa United Rep. of Tanzania
ASIA	Thailand Japan	India Pakistan
EUROPE	United Kingdom Russian Federation	France Bulgaria
NORTH AMERICA	Mexico	Canada
OCEANIA	Papua New Guinea	New Zealand
SOUTH/CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	Trinidad and Tobago Argentina	Panama Saint Lucia

The Chairman thanked everyone for their co-operation, and adjourned the meeting at 13:00 hs.