

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

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Geneva (Switzerland), 8-12 February 1999

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN

The Secretariat presents herein a subset of the Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 10th meeting in respect to the "Action Plan". This document is presented for discussion by the Standing Committee so that the necessary actions can be agreed upon.

At the 42nd meeting of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat will report on all issues related to the "Action Plan" including those directed to the Secretariat, the Parties, UNEP and the Conference of the Parties.

Decisions directed to the Standing Committee

Decision No.	Decision text	Commentary
10.59	<p>In co-operation with the other permanent Committees, a sub-committee shall be set up to develop, with the co-operation of the Secretariat, a medium/long-term (3-6 years) framework document for the structure of the work of the permanent Committees. This document shall give consideration to the development of performance indicators for the Convention.</p>	<p>At the 40th meeting of the Standing Committee the Secretariat made the following recommendation:</p> <p><i>The Standing Committee should establish a subcommittee at its 40th meeting and invite the Animals, Plants, Nomenclature and Identification Manual Committees to participate in its work. It would be desirable to have a draft document for review at the 41st meeting of the Standing Committee.</i></p> <p>At its 40th meeting, the Standing Committee discussed this recommendation but did not reach a conclusion. The Committee deferred taking a decision pending discussion of the Strategic Plan of the Convention but did not return to consideration of the Secretariat's recommendations. Consequently, the Secretariat's recommendation to the 40th meeting of the Standing Committee should now be reconsidered.</p>
10.60	<p>The work with the Secretariat shall continue to consolidate existing Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, when necessary and appropriate, provided their original text and preamble are maintained to preserve their original intent.</p>	<p>The Secretariat will prepare further drafts of consolidated resolutions for consideration at the 42nd meeting of the Committee. As agreed at the 40th meeting, the Secretariat will prepare drafts in which the original text is preserved and additional texts with the Secretariat's proposed changes.</p>
10.61	<p>Regional representatives shall co-ordinate and consult with other countries in their region prior to meetings of the Standing Committee and meetings of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	<p>This decision reflects the guidelines for regional representatives in the Standing Committee, in Decision 10.3. It might be useful for the regional representatives to include in their reports to each meeting of the Committee an indication of the consultations that they have undertaken prior to the meeting.</p>

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10.62	A mechanism shall be developed (possibly through the creation of a Finance Subcommittee) for the consideration of budgetary matters immediately before the start of each meeting of the Standing Committee.	The Standing Committee should decide, at its 41st meeting, on the procedure it will follow in order to consider budgetary matters before its future meetings.
10.63	It shall be ensured that the issue of the synergy between the biodiversity related Conventions remains on the agenda of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.	The Secretariat has been deeply involved in UNEP's initiative towards a harmonized information management infrastructure for biodiversity-related treaties. See document Doc.SC.41.25.