

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

Forty-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee
Gigiri (Kenya), 20 April 2000

SUMMARY REPORT

Members:

Africa: P. Botha (South Africa)
S. Meintjes (South Africa)
A. Karem (Tunisia)
E. Severre (United Republic of Tanzania)
D. Koulagna Koutou (Cameroon) (Alternate)
N. Ankudey (Ghana) (Alternate)
D. Rotich (Kenya) (Alternate)

Asia: X. L. Meng (China)
H. Tatwany (Saudi Arabia)
S.C Sharma (India) (Alternate)

Central and South America
and the Caribbean: V. Lichtschein (Argentina)
D. Silva (Ecuador)
S. Lasso (Ecuador)
L. D. Botello (Panama)
H. Walters (St. Lucia)
A. Iriarte (Chile) (Alternate)
S. Tijerino (Nicaragua) (Alternate)

Europe: B. Rond (France)
P. J. Schei (Norway)

North America: M. Jones (United States of America)
K. Stansell (United States of America)

Oceania: D. Kay (Australia)

Depositary Government: P. Dollinger (Switzerland)

Secretariat: W. Wijnstekers
J. Armstrong

Rapporteurs: K. Hamilton
A. Littlewood

The representative of the Depositary Government, acting as Chairman, specified three documents that newly elected Standing Committee members should review:

1. Resolution Conf. 11.1
2. Rules of Procedure contained in document Doc. SC 41.2
3. Memorandum of Understanding between the Standing Committee and UNEP.

The representative of Africa (South Africa) proposed the United States of America as the new Chairman of the Standing Committee. The representatives of China, Ecuador, Saudi Arabia and the United Republic of Tanzania seconded the proposal. By consensus the United States of America was elected as Chairman.

The representative of Oceania (Australia) proposed South Africa as the new Vice-Chairman. The representatives of Ecuador, Tunisia and the United Republic of Tanzania seconded the proposal. By consensus, South Africa was elected as Vice-Chairman.

The representative of Africa (United Republic of Tanzania) proposed China as the new alternate Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by the representatives of Australia and the United States of America. By consensus China was elected as alternate Vice-Chairman.

The representative of the United States of America took over the chairmanship of the meeting and asked whether there were any additional agenda items that needed to be discussed. The representative of the Depositary Government requested that the issue raised by the delegation of Brazil during the plenary session of the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, concerning Resolution Conf. 5.20, be tabled as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting of the Standing Committee. It was agreed to include this item in the agenda for the next meeting.

The issue of the proposed 13 per cent levy to UNEP on counterpart contributions was deferred until the next meeting of the Standing Committee, to allow time to establish a process to resolve this issue.

The Chairman requested the Secretariat to organize the next meeting of the Standing Committee in Geneva, early in 2001.

The representative of Central and South America and the Caribbean (Panama) requested that the Standing Committee and the Secretariat explore the possibility of using external funding for alternate regional representatives to attend Standing Committee meetings, especially representatives of developing countries.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked the participants.