

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

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Paris (France), 19-22 June 2001

Strategic and administrative matters

Financial and administrative matters

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2000

1. This report has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Annex to this document reflects the actual expenditures incurred in 2000. All the figures are shown in Swiss francs.
3. The actual expenditures in 2000 amounted to CHF 7.88 million, which is 79 per cent of the budget of CHF 10.01 million approved by the Conference of the Parties.
4. Most of the savings were made under the budget lines for staff salaries as a result of the delayed recruitment of new personnel. There were also some savings under budget lines for subcontracts and meetings mostly because of the credit resulting from the cancellation of the prior years' obligations.
5. The expenditures exceeded the approved 2000 budget under some budget lines: translation of documents (line 1201), salary/travel of conference staff to CoP (line 1321), general travel (line 1601), travel of the Secretariat staff to CoP (line 1602), national legislation (line 2105), Animals Committee (line 3303), Criteria Working Group (line 3307), office maintenance costs (line 4301), maintenance of photocopies (line 5102) and CoP-related documents (line 5201).
6. The higher than projected expenditures in Swiss francs under the several lines above should be mainly attributable to the unfavourable exchange rate of the Swiss franc to the US dollar in the year 2000. The indicative exchange rate of CHF 1.50 to USD 1.00 was applied when the budget was presented at CoP10, while the average conversion rate used to calculate the expenditures in Swiss francs from the official UNEP accounts maintained in US dollars was 1.69 in 2000. With regard to the expenditures directly related to the servicing of the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it should be noted that the cost of translation and reproduction of documents was entirely covered from the Trust Fund budget since there were no external funds available to absorb these costs.
7. The Secretariat requests the Standing Committee to approve the financial report for the year 2000.