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

Forty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee Paris (France), 19-22 June 2001

Strategic and administrative matters

Financial and administrative matters

SPONSORED DELEGATES PROJECT

- 1. The Secretariat provided financial assistance for two delegates from each of 107 developing countries to attend the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 2. There are no funds remaining to be used to support the participation of developing countries at the 12th meeting.
- 3. Since the Budget Committee has been established as a full sessional committee of the CoP, the Secretariat believes that financial assistance should be provided for three delegates, one for each of the three sessional committees.
- 4. The Secretariat needs to amend the list of countries eligible to be sponsored for future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
- 5. Since the UN scale of assessment is the basis for the calculation of the Trust Fund contribution of each Party, the Secretariat suggests that it be used to determine which Parties could be supported to attend meetings. Based on this scale which was updated after CoP11, all Parties whose contribution to the Trust Fund is below 0.015 per cent of the scale are listed below (82 Parties):

Afghanistan Antigua and Barbuda

Azerbaijan Bahamas
Bangladesh Barbados
Belize Benin
Bolivia Botswana
Bulgaria Burkina Faso
Burundi Cambodia

Cameroon Central African Republic

Chad Comoros
Congo Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo Djibouti

Dominica Dominican Republic El Salvador Equatorial Guinea

Eritrea Estonia
Ethiopia Fiji
Gabon Gambia
Georgia Ghana
Grenada Guinea

Guinea-Bissau Guyana Honduras Jamaica Jordan Kenya

Liberia Liechtenstein

Madagascar Malawi
Mali Malta
Mauritania Mauritius
Monaco Mongolia
Mozambique Myanmar
Namibia Nepal
Nicaragua Niger

Panama Papua New Guinea

Paraguay
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Seychelles
Somalia
Sudan
Swanda
Saint Lucia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Sri Lanka
Suriname

Swaziland The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Togo Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania Vanuatu
Viet Nam Yemen
Zambia Zimbabwe

6. With the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties being held in Santiago, Chile, the following factors are to be taken into account in calculating the funds to be raised:

The Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for Santiago, Chile is CHF 356 14 days of DSA – 12 days of meeting and 2 days of travel

Average airfare: CHF 1,950

Estimated cost per delegate: CHF 6,934.

7. There are a number of options available dependent on the quantum of funds raised for the sponsored delegates project.

Option A: Sponsoring 82 countries based on 0.015 per cent of the UN scale of

assessment.

Three (3) delegates from each of 82 countries: CHF 1,705,764.

Option B: Same as Option A but reducing the number of sponsored delegates to 70

countries, based on 0.010 per cent of the UN scale of assessment.

Three (3) delegates from each of 70 countries: CHF 1,456,140.

Option C: Same as Option A but reducing the number of sponsored delegates to 52

countries, based on 0.006 per cent in the UN scale of assessment. Three (3) delegates from each of 52 countries: CHF 1,081,704.

8. The final list of countries to be supported will only be known when the fund raising programme is concluded in June 2002.