

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

Forty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee
Santiago (Chile), 15 November 2002

SUMMARY REPORT

1. Membership of the Committee no document

It was confirmed that the membership and officers of the Standing Committee were as follows:

Africa				
member	Cameroon	United Republic of Tanzania	South Africa (Vice-Chairman)	Tunisia
alternate	Guinea	Kenya	Zambia	Ghana
Asia				
member	China (Vice-Chairman)	Malaysia		
alternate	United Arab Emirates	India		
Central and South America and the Caribbean				
member	Saint Lucia	Ecuador	Nicaragua	
alternate	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Chile	Costa Rica	
Europe				
member	Germany	Czech Republic	Norway	
alternate	United Kingdom	Portugal	Turkey	
North America				
member	United States of America (Chairman)			
alternate	Canada			
Oceania				
member	Australia			
alternate	Vanuatu			
Depositary Government: Switzerland				
Previous host country: Chile				
Next Host country: Thailand				

2. National Legislation Project – Fiji no document

The Chairman noted that a request had been received from Fiji for an extension, from 31 December 2002 to 30 June 2003, of the deadline for it to enact legislation to implement CITES. As there was no documentation on this issue and no interpretation, it was agreed not to discuss the substance of the action undertaken by Fiji. It was noted that a recommendation to suspend trade with Fiji was already in place and would remain so until certain actions had been undertaken in relation to the control of the coral trade. It was agreed that, if these actions were implemented, and the recommendation to suspend trade consequently withdrawn, the Secretariat should take no further action to inform the Parties of a recommended suspension of trade with Fiji in the context of the National Legislation Project, pending discussion of this issue at the 49th meeting of the Committee. Representatives of Australia, China, Fiji and the United States of America participated in this discussion.

3. Time and venue of next meeting no document

It was agreed that the Secretariat would try to organize the next meeting for April 2003 in Geneva and would inform the members as soon as possible. It was also agreed that, when announcing the meeting to all Parties, the Secretariat should also circulate a copy of the new Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee.

4. Any other business no document

The observer from Saudi Arabia, whose term as a member of the Committee had just ended, thanked the Parties of Asia for having had the opportunity to serve the region, sent best wishes to Ken Stansell who was currently ill, and wished the Committee every success during the forthcoming intersessional period.