

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

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Strategic and administrative matters

Financial and administrative matters

DEVELOPMENT OF CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Resolution Conf. 12.1 requests the Standing Committee to develop future containment strategies as follows:
 - a) *facilitate the collection of arrears through innovative payment strategies and develop an approach for dealing with non-payment of contributions;*
 - b) *consider inviting bids for the relocation of the Secretariat to a lower cost location;*
 - c) *negotiate a reduction in the programme support costs from 13 per cent with the Executive Director of UNEP;*
 - d) *review overall travel costs and identify means to reduce expenditures;*
 - e) *review any CoP agenda items not requested by the Parties to ensure they are relevant to the meeting Agenda;*
 - f) *consider increasing the minimum contribution to the CITES Trust Fund;*
 - g) *investigate options regarding a Host Country Agreement with Switzerland; and*
 - h) *review possible cost-saving measures related to translation and interpretation.*
3. Additionally, there is a problem with the growing workload of the Conference of the Parties at its meetings and it has been suggested that this issue should be added to the list of containment items.
4. The Secretariat will prepare background documentation on these items for discussion by the Finance Sub-Committee at its next meeting. However, it would welcome discussion at this meeting to guide it in preparing this documentation.