

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

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Geneva (Switzerland), 15-19 March 2004

## Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

### REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat for information purposes.

#### Resolutions

2. The process of consolidation of Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties is nearly complete and the Secretariat is not intending to propose the adoption of any consolidated Resolutions at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13). Furthermore, Decisions have been adopted by the Conference of the Parties to prevent the proliferation of Resolutions dealing with the same subject. Moreover, the Secretariat is aware of a draft resolution that is in preparation for CoP13 to consolidate a number of existing Resolutions that relate to specific species.
3. Nevertheless, the Secretariat does intend to prepare proposals to make revisions to a number of Resolutions. The revisions fall into two categories:
  - a) Revisions that seem to be needed as a result of problems and inconsistencies that have become apparent to the Secretariat in the course of its usual work; and
  - b) Revisions that remain to be completed as a result of the process that was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 45th meeting for the implementation of Decision 11.136.
4. Regarding the latter, it should be recalled that a process had been started for identifying and correcting Resolutions with which Parties had problems. The Resolution that Parties had most problems with was the one relating to permits and certificates, and a substantial revision was adopted at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP12, Santiago, 2002). At that meeting, the Secretariat made a commitment to prepare revisions of further Resolutions for consideration at CoP13. It will work in consultation with the Parties that identified the majority of problems (Malta and the United States of America), in order to prepare the documentation for the meeting.

#### Decisions

5. It will be recalled that (mostly for historical reasons relating to the way in which the list of Decisions was established) a number of Decisions of the Conference of the Parties are long-term in effect and should therefore more properly be recorded in Resolutions.
6. In order to correct this, the Conference adopted, at CoP12, a number of proposals from the Secretariat to transfer texts from Decisions to Resolutions.

7. To continue this process, the Secretariat will prepare, for consideration at CoP13, proposals to place the texts of a number of further Decisions into new or existing Resolutions.