

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



Meeting of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 15 August 2011

REPORT FOR THE 61ST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Finance and Budget Subcommittee of the Standing Committee met in the morning of 15 August, just before the start of the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee. The present report contains the recommendations of the Subcommittee for the Standing Committee.

The FBSC met on 15 August 2011. Martin Krebs of the Depositary Government (Switzerland) was entrusted with the Chairmanship. The Secretary-General and the Administrative and Fund Management Officer were assisting the meeting.

Representatives of all regions were present.

SC61 Doc. 10.1

Takes note of document SC61 Doc. 10.1

- FBSC commends the Secretariat on its prudent and forward-looking budgeting and efficient use of resources,
- Notes that the collection rate of financial contributions to the trust fund for 2010 is satisfactory,
- And therefore recommends to the SC to note and accept the report contained in SC61 Doc.10.1.

SC61 Doc. 10.2

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- Notes the difficulties arising out of currency fluctuations which might require an extraordinary drawdown on the Trust Fund Reserve amounting to approximately 5 to 10% of the Costed Programme of Work for 2011,
- Requests the Secretary-General under the terms of Resolution Conf.14.1, to continue to inform the Standing Committee through the Finance and Budget Subcommittee on the implementation of the Costed Programme of Work for 2011,
- Is of the view that the salary costs column is to be retained in the Costed Programme of Work for the current budget year and for the upcoming budget cycle 2012-2013 and recommends to the SC to retain the current format of the Costed Programme of Work for this time period .

SC61 Doc. 10.3

Takes note of document SC61 Doc. 10.3 on the non-payment of contributions and instructs the Secretary-General to continue its efforts in the collection of contributions from Parties.

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Other business

- FBSC also discussed on the format of the Budget and Programme of Work. The Secretary-General was invited to present alternate models to present to the Budget and Programme of Work in a fashion which is result-oriented.
- In order to keep CITES and its Secretariat on a sustainable footing, FBSC will work with the Secretary-General in the forerun to SC62 on budget scenarios for the budget cycle after the year 2013.
- The Secretary-General was invited to work through the FSBC to pursue the work related to the sustainable financing of the implementation of CITES and explore on possibilities to tap on funds such as the Global Environment Fund (GEF) and other sources to propose necessary action at SC62.