

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



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Geneva (Switzerland), 23-27 July 2012

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Review of Resolutions

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS FOLLOWING DECISION 14.19

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 14th meeting (CoP14, The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 14.19, as follows:

Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee should review any proposals from the Secretariat to correct non-substantive errors or minor editorial faults in current Resolutions and decide whether they should be referred to the Conference of the Parties. In cases where the Committee agrees with the proposals and considers that they need not be referred to the Conference, it may instruct the Secretariat to republish the Resolutions with the necessary corrections.

3. At its 57th meeting (SC57, Geneva, July 2008), the Standing Committee established a working group to implement Decision 14.19 and the group made proposals to amend Resolutions at SC58 (Geneva, July 2009, see document SC58 Doc. 16) and, through the inclusion of its suggestions in document CoP15 Doc. 18 on *Review of Resolutions*, at CoP15 (Doha, 2010). At the latter meeting, the Conference of the Parties renewed Decision 14.19 and the working group submitted new proposals to the Standing Committee at SC61 (Geneva, August 2011, see document SC61 Doc. 22).
4. Owing to the departure and non-replacement of the French translator (April 2010) and Spanish translator (December 2011) in the Secretariat, progress made in the three languages has been uneven and the current status of revision of the Resolutions is now as follows:
 - English: Resolutions have been revised up to CoP9 inclusive;
 - Spanish: Resolutions have been revised up to CoP8 inclusive; and
 - French: Resolutions have been revised up to CoP4 inclusive.
5. In view of the difficulties the Secretariat had in continuing leading the review, the Committee requested at SC61 that the working group look at different ways to continue the review that would not be so demanding on the Secretariat's resources, and to submit proposals at the present meeting.
6. The working group agreed that the first step to take was to bring the revision of Resolutions in French and Spanish to the same level as the English. The working group representatives of New Zealand, Ms Wendy Jackson, and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ms Clare Hamilton, generously volunteered to tabulate the Resolutions in French and Spanish in the format used to make and discuss amendment proposals. The Secretariat is grateful to them for undertaking this work and, at the time of writing (early May 2012), Resolutions from CoP5 to CoP9 in French and Resolutions from CoP9 in Spanish had just been reformatted and posted on the working group forum for comments.

7. The working group will now endeavour to identify members to lead the review in each language. The work this implies includes tabulating Resolutions (for future batches), compiling the comments made, flagging out changes that may affect the other languages and preparing the different language versions for consideration by the Committee.
8. The Secretariat will report orally on progress made between the time of writing of this document and the present meeting. Should there be no volunteers in the working group to lead the reviews, the Secretariat will also invite new parties to join the working group to fulfil this role.

Recommendation

9. The Committee is invited to note this document.