

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



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U.S. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMBATING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

1. This attached document has been submitted by the United States of America<sup>\*</sup> in relation to agenda item 27 on *Enforcement matters*.
2. On 11 February 2014, the United States issued a National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking as mandated by U.S. President Obama's 1 July 2014, Executive Order. This strategy commits the U.S. Government as a whole to addressing this issue through improved enforcement, efforts to reduce demand for protected wildlife, and continued partnering with other countries, international bodies (such as CITES), conservation organizations, and private-sector stakeholders.
3. Attached for the information of the Standing Committee and all those attending the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee is a document containing the U.S. National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking. The United States is currently developing an implementation plan to advance the objectives of the National Strategy.

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