

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLANS PROCESS

This document has been prepared by the European Union in relation to agenda item 29 and submitted at the request of the Standing Committee at its third session.

Proposal by the EU and its Member States in relation to para.49 of SC66 Doc.29 (Rev.1)

The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:

- a) Note this document and its Annexes, and consider the reports submitted by Parties and the evaluation and recommendations of the Secretariat;
- b) Considering the Secretariat's evaluation of progress reports submitted by Parties of 'primary concern' (as provided in Annex 1), agree that China (including Hong Kong SAR), Kenya, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam have 'substantially achieved' their NIAPs;
- c) Commend China (including Hong Kong SAR), Kenya, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam for substantially achieving their NIAPs, and;
 - i) Encourage these Parties to complete the implementation of any NIAP actions that have not yet been 'substantially achieved';
 - ii) Encourage these Parties to report on any further measures taken to implement their NIAPs and, if appropriate, any other initiatives or policy developments to combat elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade, to the Secretariat by 30 June 2016, so that the Secretariat can make the reports available to the Standing Committee at SC67.
- d) Note that comprehensive MIKE and ETIS data is not yet available to determine whether Parties that have 'substantially achieved' their NIAPs remain of 'primary concern', and further note that such information will be available at CoP17;
- e) Request the Secretariat to identify Parties of 'primary concern', 'secondary concern' and 'importance to watch', based on an analysis of the MIKE and ETIS reports that will be prepared for CoP17, and to make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting;
- f) Note that the in-session report of the MIKE and ETIS subgroup (SC66 Com. 9) states that it may be too soon at CoP17 to identify the impact of NIAP implementation in the ETIS categorization of Parties of 'primary concern', 'secondary concern' and 'importance to watch' as the MIKE and ETIS reports prepared for CoP17 will be based on bias-adjusted seizure data for 2012-2014, and request the

Secretariat to make a recommendation to CoP17 to identify those Parties that have 'substantially achieved' their NIAPs by CoP17 as Parties 'with commendable progress'.

- g) Noting that Nigeria, as a Party of 'secondary concern', and Angola and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, as Parties of 'importance to watch' did not submit reports on progress with NIAP implementation that allowed for their progress to be reflected in document SC66 Doc. 29 (Rev. 1) prepared by the Secretariat for the present meeting, recommend that Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Nigeria, Angola and the Lao People's Democratic Republic until such time as these Parties submit a progress report on NIAP implementation confirming that some progress has been made towards NIAP actions;
- h) Request Malaysia, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, as Parties of 'primary concern', Cameroon, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Mozambique and Nigeria, as Parties of 'secondary concern', and Angola, Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, as Parties of 'importance to watch', to:
 - i) Enhance efforts to progress the implementation of NIAP actions, and continue the implementation of their NIAPs between SC66 and SC67;
 - ii) Report on the further measures taken to implement their NIAPs to the Secretariat by 30 June 2016 in a format provided by the Secretariat, so that the Secretariat can make the reports available to the Standing Committee at SC67 and convey any recommendations it may have. In that respect, particularly encourage:
 - A) Mozambique to provide information on further measures taken to progress actions rated as 'challenging' or 'unclear' in Annex 1 of document SC66 Doc. 29 (Rev. 1), including a clear timeframe for the completion of these actions;
 - B) United Republic of Tanzania to provide further information on any prosecutions of offenders involved the poaching of elephants and/or ivory trafficking, any forensic samples collected from ivory seizures, and on the amendment of legislation including CITES regulations for Zanzibar.
- i) Consider the progress reports submitted in accordance with recommendation h) ii), and any recommendations of the Secretariat, and decide at SC67 whether the 14 Parties outlined in SC66 Doc. 29 (Rev. 1) – p. 10 recommendation g) have 'substantially achieved' their NIAPs, have made progress but not yet 'substantially achieved' their NIAPs, or have made insufficient progress and require compliance measures;
- j) Note that the Secretariat will advise on any future development and implementation of NIAPs, including any recommended procedural improvements and simplifications as appropriate, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting.