

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



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SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This document has been prepared by the working group on Special Reporting Requirements in relation to agenda item 30.2 and submitted at the request of the Standing Committee at its second session.

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1. The Working Group recommends that the Standing Committee adopt the recommendations in document SC66 Doc. 30.2 with the following amendments and clarification:
 - i) With respect to paragraph 53 b), the new implementation report should not be subject to compliance procedures.
 - ii) With respect to paragraph 55 b), the new annual illegal trade report should be mandatory, but not subject to compliance procedures.
 - iii) With respect to paragraph 57 c), the Working Group recommends that the Standing Committee request the Secretariat to help working groups to use the guidance and report template in Annexes 7 and 8 of document SC66 Doc. 30.2, rather than creating a specific overview group.
2. The Working Group noted in response to feedback from Parties at the Standing Committee that some of the information in the draft illegal trade report format in Annex 5 might not be available from some Parties – the Working Group notes that if data is not available then clearly it cannot be provided.
3. The Working Group suggested three further points for the draft guidance in Annex 7:
 - i) Testing draft questionnaires with a small number of Parties, preferably from different regions, may help to make sure that questions are clear and that the questions will elicit the information desired.
 - ii) In using the draft format, working groups should critically review if all of the questions are needed, and if any are not needed they should be removed for a particular questionnaire. If information beyond the proposed format is to be requested, this should be kept to the minimum necessary to implement a working group's mandate – the temptation to request information that would be 'nice to have', or 'interesting' should be resisted.
 - iii) Provision of a draft completed report or 'model answers' might help Parties to be clear about the sort of information that is sought through specific questions.