

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Amendment of the Appendices

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ANNOTATIONS

*This document has been prepared by the working group on Annotations on the basis of a meeting held in the margins of the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee and in relation to agenda item 25 and submitted at the request of the Standing Committee at its fifth session.*

The working group noted that the Committee, at the present meeting, agreed that definitions of terms in annotations should be permanently located in the Interpretation section of the Appendices. Recognizing also that numerous definitions are currently included in Resolutions for reference, the working group seeks the Committee's agreement with the following understanding:

Definitions of terms in annotations are not part of a substantive annotation and are included in the Interpretation section of the Appendices for reference and ease of location. The development and amendment of such definitions follows the processes previously agreed by the Parties and laid out in Resolutions Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16), 9.25 (Rev. CoP16), and 11.21 (Rev. CoP16).

In discussing the unresolved issues in Annex 4 to document SC66 Doc. 25, the working group agreed that the proposed text in paragraph f) under RECOMMENDS in the operative text will require additional consultation and discussion. Therefore, the working group recommends that this proposed paragraph be removed from the revisions proposed to Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP16), and that the Committee adopt the other revisions to this Resolution, but including the following revised text for paragraph d) under ENCOURAGES:

- d) an annotation may not be necessary in cases where there is a risk to wild populations of the species from many types of specimens in trade or where the types of specimens in trade are easily transformed, likely to change frequently, or likely to change over time;

The working group also requests that the Secretariat submit a document proposing these amendments for consideration at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

Finally, the working group recommends that the Standing Committee request the working group to continue its discussions concerning paragraph f), as outlined above, and the outstanding issues raised in document SC66 Doc. 25 regarding Annotation #3, Annotation #14, Annotation #11, and Annotation #12, and submit a document for consideration at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.