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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AFRICAN TEAK (DRC)

This document has been prepared by the working group on African Teak in relation to agenda item 43 and submitted at the request of the Standing Committee at its seventh session.

Proposal by the Working Group on African Teak (DRC) in relation to SC66 Doc.43.

- a) DRC has until 31 October 2016 to export the stocks of *Pericopsis elata* (Afromosia) corresponding to 19000m³ (round wood equivalent) harvested in 2014 and 2015.
- b) As an exception to paragraphs 20 and 21 of Resolution Conf. 14.7, rev COP 15, the export of these stocks is exceptionally authorized under the 2015 export quota (31905m³ round wood equivalent). No retroactive increase in this quota nor any transitional quota is authorized.
- c) Parties should not accept any CITES export permit or certificate issued by the DRC unless its authenticity has been confirmed by the Secretariat.
- d) Furthermore DRC should implement the measures presented in their NDF report (PC22 Doc. 12.1 and Annex). In particular, the Committee encourages DRC to develop and make use of the database mentioned in the NDF report, which would allow for:
 - the monitoring and management of volumes of *Pericopsis elata* harvested and exported by the country, and
 - the systematic conversion of volumes of processed products into round wood equivalent volumes, based on an appropriate conversion rate.

The recommendation above refers to the information system that DRC is encouraged to build in order to increase transparency of the operations.

DRC shall report on progress to SC67.