

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

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Sixty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 11-15 January 2016

Administrative and financial matters

Meetings of the Conference of the Parties

Arrangements for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat has prepared, for the approval of the Standing Committee, a first draft of the provisional agenda for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17). This is annexed to the present document.
3. It should be noted that the right-hand column of the draft agenda currently indicates the Resolutions and Decisions that are relevant to the agenda item and the source from which a report is expected. In the provisional agenda to be issued for the meeting, however, this column will instead indicate the document numbers.
4. The current draft of the agenda contains only items for which a discussion is expected by virtue of the text of the Convention or an instruction in a Resolution or Decision. Obviously, the draft agenda is subject to change, depending on the documents (and, hence, agenda items) that are submitted by Parties, the CITES Committees or the Secretariat. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Submission of draft resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the deadline for communicating documents to the Secretariat is 150 days before the meeting. CoP17 is planned to be held from 24 September to 5 October 2016. This means that the deadline for submission of documents is 27 April 2016. This date has already been conveyed to Parties via diplomatic channels and through Notification to the Parties [No. 2015/036](#) of 19 June 2015.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:
  - a) provide its comments on the draft provisional agenda in the Annex to the present document; and
  - b) approve that document, with any amendments made during the present meeting, as the basis for the preparation of the provisional agenda for CoP17.

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Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Johannesburg, (South Africa), 24 September – 5 October 2016

Administrative matters

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  
(provisional)

**Opening of the meeting**

Opening ceremony..... [no document]  
Welcoming addresses.....[SC Chair, UNEP, CITES Secretary-General, Host Country]

**Administrative and financial matters**

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting  
and of Chairs of Committees I and II ..... [no document]
2. Adoption of the agenda ..... [Secretariat]
3. Adoption of the working programme..... [Secretariat]
4. Rules of Procedure..... [Secretariat]
5. Credentials Committee
  - 5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee ..... [no document]
  - 5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee..... [no document]
6. Admission of observers ..... [Secretariat]
7. Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat  
and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties
  - 7.1 Financial reports for 2014-2016 ..... [Secretariat, Conf. 16.2]
    - Annex 1: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2014
    - Annex 2: CITES Trust Fund - status of contributions as of 31 December 2014
    - Annex 3: CITES External Trust Fund – status of contributions as of 31 December 2014
    - Annex 4: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2015
    - Annex 5: CITES Trust Fund - status of contributions as of 31 December 2015
    - Annex 6: CITES Trust Fund – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 31 December 2015
    - Annex 7: CITES External Trust Fund – status of contributions as of 31 December 2015
    - Annex 8: Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserve and fund balance for the period 2014-2015
    - Annex 9: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2016 as of 31 March 2016
    - Annex 10: CITES Trust Fund - status of contributions as of 31 March 2016
    - Annex 11: CITES Trust Fund – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 31 March 2016
    - Annex 12: CITES External Trust Fund – status of contributions as of 31 March 2016

- 7.2 Budget and work programme for 2017 to 2019 ..... [Secretariat, Conf. 16.2 ]  
 Annex 1: Budget scenario – zero nominal growth  
 Annex 2: Budget scenario – zero real growth  
 Annex 3: Budget scenario – incremental growth  
 Annex 4: Draft Resolution on Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat  
 for the triennium 2017-2019
- 7.3 Access to finance, including GEF funding ..... [Secretariat, Conf. 16.2, Decs. 16.6]

### Strategic matters

8. Committee reports and recommendations
- 8.1 Standing Committee .....
- 8.1.1 Report of the Chair ..... [SC Chair, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16)]
- 8.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members ..... [no document]
- 8.2 Animals Committee.....
- 8.2.1 Report of the Chair ..... [AC Chair, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15)]
- 8.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members ..... [no document]
- 8.3 Plants Committee .....
- 8.3.1 Report of the Chair ..... [PC Chair, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15)]
- 8.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members ..... [no document]
9. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees ..... [Secretariat, Dec. 16.9]
10. Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions ..... [Secretariat, Dec. 16.12]
11. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity  
 and Ecosystem Services ..... [SC, Secretariat, Decs. 16.14, 16.16]
12. Toothfish: report of CCAMLR ..... [Conf. 12.4, if a report is received]
13. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures..... [SC, Dec. 14.29 (Rev. CoP16)]
14. CITES and livelihoods ..... [SC, Decs. 16.23]
15. Wildlife trade policy reviews ..... [Secretariat, Dec. 16.27]
16. Capacity building and needs assessment for strengthening the  
 implementation of CITES ..... [Secretariat, Decs. 16.29 & 16.31]

### Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

#### Review of Resolutions and Decisions

17. Review of Resolutions ..... [Secretariat/SC, Dec. 14.19]
18. Review of Decisions ..... [Secretariat, Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP16)]

#### Compliance and enforcement

19. National laws for implementation of  
 the Convention ..... [Secretariat, Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) & Dec. 16.38]
20. CITES compliance matters ..... [Secretariat, Conf. 14.3]
21. Enforcement matters ..... [Secretariat, Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP16)]
22. Implementation and enforcement of the Convention as it  
 relates to the trade in species listed in Appendix I ..... [SC, Dec. 16.39]
23. Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade ..... [AC/PC, Dec. 13.67 (Rev. CoP14)]
24. Disposal of illegally-traded and confiscated specimens of Appendix-I, -II and -III species... [SC, Dec. 16.47]
25. Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) ..... [SC Dec. 16.73]
26. Illegal trade in pangolin species (*Manis* spp.) ..... [SC, Dec. 16.42]

27. Tibetan antelope: enforcement measures ..... [SC, Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP13)]
28. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.): seizures and confiscations.....[SC Dec. 16.117]

#### Reporting

29. Review of reporting requirements ..... [SC, Dec. 16.44 6 16.67]
30. Reporting: report of the Secretariat..... [Secretariat, Dec. 16.46]
31. Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants, ..... [SC, Dec. 14.41 (Rev. CoP16)]

#### Trade control and marking

32. Introduction from the sea..... [SC, Dec. 16.50]
33. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates..... [SC, Dec. 14.54 (Rev. CoP16)]
34. Use of taxonomic serial numbers.....[Secretariat, Dec. 16.57]
35. Sturgeons and paddlefish (Acipenseriformes spp.) ..... [SC Dec. 16.138]
36. Identification Manual.....(AC/PC/Secretariat, Conf. 11.19, Dec. 16.59)

#### Exemptions and special trade provisions

37. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens ..... [SC, Dec. 14.66]
38. Production systems of tree species and the applicability of the definitions of artificial propagation in Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) and Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15) ..... [PC, Dec. 16.156]

#### Species trade and conservation

39. Asian big cats ..... [SC, Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16)]
40. Action plan for *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp ..... [Madagascar, Dec. 16.152]
41. Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on *Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa* ..... (PC, Dec. 16.157)
42. Review of Resolution Conf. 13.11 on *Bushmeat*..... [SC, Dec. 16.149]
43. Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group ..... [CABWG, Dec. 14.74 (Rev. CoP16)]
44. East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*)..... [PC/Eastern African range States, Dec. 16.153]
45. Elephants
- 45.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens* ..... [SC, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16)]
- 45.2 Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16)]
- 45.3 Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)..... [Secretariat, Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16)]
46. Great apes: implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16) ..... [SC, Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16)]
47. Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)..... [Secretariat, Dec. 16.127]
48. Humphead wrasse (*Cheilinus undulatus*)..... [SC, Dec. 15.87 (Rev. CoP16)]
49. Neotropical tree species..... [PC, Dec. 16.159]
50. Regional cooperation on the management of and trade in the queen conch (*Strombus gigas*)..... [Secretariat Dec. 16.148]
51. Rhinoceroses..... [Secretariat, Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP15), Dec. 16.89]
52. Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) ..... [SC, Dec. 16.101]
53. Sharks and rays..... [AC, Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16)]
54. Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.)..... [SC, Dec. 16.105]
55. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.): non-detriment findings ..... [SC, Dec. 16.112 unless communicated directly to Parties]

Maintenance and amendment of the Appendices

56. Standard nomenclature ..... [AC/PC, Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16),  
Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16), Dec. 16.152]
57. Results of dialogue meetings ..... [if any such meeting is held. Conf. 14.5]
58. Appendix-I species subject to export quotas ..... [if any request is made to amend a quota  
under Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP13)]
59. Periodic review of the Appendices
- 59.1 Revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) ..... (AC/PC)
- 59.2 Review of the Appendices: Felidae ..... [AC, Dec. 13.93 (Rev. CoP16)]
60. Annotations ..... [SC, Decs 16.163, 16.162, 16.150, 16.151, 14.148 (Rev. CoP16)]
61. Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory ..... [SC, Dec. 16.55]
62. Extinct or possibly extinct species ..... [SC, Dec. 16.165]
63. Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on *Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African  
elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II* ..... [SC, Dec. 16.160]
64. Freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae spp.) ..... [AC, Dec. 16.132]
65. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II ..... [Parties, note also Decs 16.153]

**Conclusion of the meeting**

66. Determination of the time and venue  
of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties ..... (no document)
67. Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary General, Host Government). ..... (no document)