

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



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

SUMMARY

MORNING

1. Opening remarks of the Chair *No document*
The Chair welcomed the participants and gave an opening speech.
2. Opening remarks of the Secretary-General *No document*
The Secretary-General also welcomed the participants and gave an opening address.
3. Agenda SC66 Doc. 3
It was agreed that, under agenda item 60 on *Any other business*, the Committee would consider the issue of vicuna at the request of Chile. With this amendment, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda in document SC66 Doc. 3.
4. Working programme SC66 Doc. 4 (Rev. 1)
The Committee adopted the draft working programme in document SC65 Doc. 4 (Rev. 1).
5. Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee
 - 5.1 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure SC66 Doc. 5.1
The Committee noted the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee as amended at the 65th meeting and contained in the Annex to that document.
 - 5.2 Proposed process to review the Rules of Procedure of CITES bodies SC66 Doc. 5.2
The Committee requested the Secretariat to work in close collaboration with the Chairs of the Animals, Plants and Standing Committees to draft a revised set of Rules of Procedure that will then be circulated, as soon as possible following the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee, for wider input by the Parties.
6. Credentials *No document*
The Standing Committee noted that, at present, 16 of the 19 delegations of the members of the Standing Committee had provided credentials and that a further update would be provided later at the meeting.
7. Admission of observers SC66 Doc. 7
The Committee noted the list of organizations that had been invited to attend the meeting as contained in document SC66 Doc. 7.

8. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees SC66 Doc. 8

The Standing Committee agreed to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting the extension of Decisions 16.9 and 16.10, with the aim to review the conflict of interest policy, and provide amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16) on *Establishment of Committees* as necessary for consideration at the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee, and eventual adoption at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

9. Administration of the Secretariat

9.1 Report of UNEP on administrative matters SC66 Doc. 9.1

The Standing Committee noted the report.

9.2 Report of the Secretariat on administrative matters SC66 Doc. 9.2

The Standing Committee noted the report.

10. Financial matters

10.1 Financial reports for 2014 and 2015..... SC66 Doc. 10.1

The Standing Committee noted the report and requested the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee to take into account the proposal of the United States of America on hosting arrangements.

10.2 Report on proposed budget scenarios for 2017-2019..... SC66 Doc. 10.2

The Standing Committee noted the report.

10.4 Wildlife Donor Roundtable and findings and recommendations of the Secretariat SC66 Doc. 10.4

The Standing Committee noted document SC66 Doc. 10.4 and supported the Secretariat's idea to organize, pending available resources, a second donor roundtable to explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife, noting that the current roundtable is focused on wildlife trafficking.