

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



Sixty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee
Johannesburg (South Africa), 4 October 2016

SUMMARY RECORD

1. Opening remarks of the Secretary-General *No document*

The Chief of Governing Bodies and Meeting Services welcomed the participants on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Procedural matters

2. Election of officers *No document*

The Chief of Governing Bodies and Meeting Services, on behalf of the Secretary-General, as temporary chair of the meeting, confirmed that, following the elections at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17), the current members of the Standing Committee were as follows:

Africa: Congo (Chad as alternate), Ethiopia (Kenya as alternate), Namibia (Madagascar as alternate) and Niger (Morocco as alternate);

Asia: China (Japan as alternate), Indonesia (Nepal as alternate) and Kuwait (the Republic of Korea as alternate);

Central and South America and the Caribbean: the Bahamas (Dominican Republic as alternate), Guatemala (Honduras as alternate) and Peru (Brazil as alternate);

Europe: Hungary (Poland as alternate), Israel (Albania as alternate), Portugal (Belgium as alternate) and the Russian Federation (Georgia as alternate);

North America: Canada (Mexico as alternate);

Oceania: New Zealand (Australia as alternate);

Depositary Government: Switzerland;

Previous Host Country: South Africa; and

Next Host Country: Sri Lanka.

All members of the Standing Committee were present at the meeting, with the exception of Congo (whose alternate, Chad was present) and Sri Lanka.

Canada was nominated as the new Chair of the Standing Committee. China was nominated as Vice-Chair. These nominations were agreed by the Committee by acclamation.

There were two nominations for Alternate Vice-Chair: Niger and the Russian Federation. The Committee agreed that the Chair and the Vice-Chair would work intersessionally with the members of the Standing Committee to choose an Alternate Vice-Chair.

Ms. Caceres, as the representative of Canada, took the chair for the rest of the meeting. She thanked the members of the Committee for the privilege and for the confidence they are showing in her country.

During discussion of this item, interventions were made by the representatives of Africa (Namibia), Asia (China, Indonesia and Kuwait), Central and South America and the Caribbean (the Bahamas), Europe (Israel and the Russian Federation), North America (Canada), and Oceania (New Zealand) and by Chad.

3. Agenda..... SC68 Doc. 3

The Secretariat introduced document SC68 Doc. 3.

There were no interventions.

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda in document SC68 Doc. 3.

4. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure..... SC68 Doc. 4

The Secretariat introduced document SC68 Doc. 4.

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.

There were no interventions.

5. Establishment of working groups *No document*

The Secretariat introduced this agenda item.

The Standing Committee agreed on leads for each of the following issues:

<u>Annotations:</u>	Canada and Namibia;
<u>Appendix III:</u>	New Zealand;
<u>Cheetahs:</u>	Kuwait and Niger;
<u>Cybercrime:</u>	Kenya;
<u>Demand reduction:</u>	United States of America;
<u>Disposal of confiscated items:</u>	Israel and Switzerland;
<u>Electronic systems and information technologies:</u>	Switzerland;
<u>Food security and livelihoods:</u>	China and South Africa;
<u>National Ivory Action Plans (NIAPs):</u>	Kenya;
<u>Purpose of transaction codes:</u>	Canada;
<u>Rhinoceroses:</u>	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
<u>Rules of procedure:</u>	Canada, China and Israel;
<u>Rural communities:</u>	Ethiopia and Namibia;
<u>Sturgeons:</u>	Russian Federation; and
<u>Traceability:</u>	Mexico and Switzerland;

The Standing Committee agreed that the leads for each topic would work with the Secretariat to prepare any necessary documents in time for the submission of documents for SC69.

The Standing Committee agreed that any interested Party or Observer could reach out to each lead at any time to express their interest in participating in this working group when it is formed during the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee further agreed that Norway would chair the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee (FBSC).

The Secretariat explained that in the past the Committee had established a MIKE and ETIS Subgroup to oversee these two programmes and according to its previously established terms of reference,

- a) *The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup will normally consist of eight members of the Standing Committee: two from Anglophone Africa, two from Francophone Africa, two from Asia and two from Europe or North America.*
- b) *The members of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup should be Party members (and in certain cases, alternate members) of the Standing Committee that are: a) involved in the on-the-ground implementation of the MIKE programme; b) funding or otherwise actively supporting MIKE or ETIS; or c) showing a particular interest in the implementation and developments of MIKE and ETIS.*

The Standing Committee agreed to the following composition of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup:

Four African elephant range States (2 anglophone and 2 francophone): Congo, Ethiopia, Niger and Namibia;

Two Asian elephant range States: China and Indonesia; and

Two representatives from Europe and North America: Belgium and Canada.

Japan and the United Arab Emirates expressed an interest in joining the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup.

During discussion of this item, interventions were made by the representatives of Africa (Congo, Ethiopia, Namibia and Niger), Asia (China, Indonesia and Kuwait), Europe (Israel, Russian Federation), North America (Canada), and Oceania (New Zealand); by the Depositary Government (Switzerland); by the Previous Host Country (South Africa); by Belgium, Costa Rica, the European Union, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America; and by the World Wildlife Fund.

6. Any other business..... *No document*

There were no interventions.

7. Determination of the time and venue of the 69th meeting..... *No document*

The Committee noted that its 69th meeting would tentatively take place in Geneva, Switzerland, on 4-8 December 2017.

8. Closing remarks..... *No document*

The Secretary-General thanked the members of the Committee and all those present for their participation.