

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



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Interpretation and implementation matters

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NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLANS PROCESS:
REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT – ADDENDUM

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. This addendum contains information received since the submission of document SC69 Doc. 29.3 on the *National ivory action plans process*, in October 2017.

Malawi

3. The Secretariat notes in document SC69 Doc. 29.3 that, in September 2017, it received the National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP) of Malawi, a new Party included in the NIAP process during the postal procedure that followed the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17), and that it assessed the NIAP of Malawi as adequate. The NIAP was however not approved at national level as required by the *Guidelines to the NIAP process*, contained in Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, and the Secretariat informed the Party that its NIAP was adequate and accepted, subject to receiving the approved version.
4. The Secretariat is pleased to report that, on 14 November 2017, it received the approved NIAP from Malawi, which includes minor revisions suggested by the Secretariat. The NIAP is available on the CITES NIAP webpage.¹

Togo

5. During the postal procedure on NIAPs that followed CoP17, the Standing Committee agreed that Togo be included in the NIAP process. The Secretariat reports in document SC69 Doc. 29.3 that the NIAP from Togo had, at the time of writing, not been received.
6. Although not received in accordance with the time frame set by the Conference of the Parties in Step 2, paragraph b) of the *Guidelines*, the Secretariat is pleased to report that it received the NIAP from Togo on 23 October 2017. The Secretariat assessed the NIAP as required by the *Guidelines*, and came to the conclusion that some revisions to the NIAP are required before it can be accepted as adequate. The Secretariat will inform Togo accordingly.
7. In the light of the above, the Secretariat proposes that recommendations g) and h) in paragraph 158 of document SC69 Doc. 29.3 directed to Togo, be replaced with the following recommendation:

¹ https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/prog/niaps/MALAWI_REVISED_NATIONAL_IVORY_ACTION_PLAN_NOVEMBER_2017.pdf

- g) *The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:*
- i) *notes that Togo did not submit its NIAP to the Secretariat in accordance with the time frame set by the Conference of the Parties in Step 2, paragraph b) of the Guidelines; and*
 - ii) *request Togo to submit its revised NIAP to the Secretariat for assessment in accordance with Step 3 of the Guidelines, and commence implementation as soon as the revised NIAP is accepted as 'adequate' by the Secretariat, and provide associated reporting in accordance with the provisions set out in the Guidelines.*

Democratic Republic of the Congo

8. The Secretariat reports in document SC69 Doc. 29.3 that the progress report on NIAP implementation from the Democratic Republic of the Congo had, at the time of writing, not been received.
9. The Secretariat is pleased to report that it received the progress report from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on 17 November 2017. This report is available as Annex 16 to document SC69 Doc. 29.3, for consideration by the Committee. The report indicates that some progress has been made with NIAP implementation, as shown in the Annex to this Addendum.
10. The Secretariat notes that, together with the progress report, the Democratic Republic of the Congo submitted what seems to be a revised NIAP in which some of the actions contained in the NIAP accepted as adequate, available on the NIAP webpage,² have been removed and milestones for existing actions changed.
11. In light of the progress report and the revised NIAP received from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Secretariat proposes that the Democratic Republic of the Congo be removed from recommendation i) in paragraph 158 of document SC69 Doc. 29.3, and that the following recommendation directed to the Democratic Republic of the Congo be adopted:

The Democratic Republic of the Congo

- x) *The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:*
- i) *agree an overall rating of 'limited progress' in line with Step 4 paragraph e) of the Guidelines;*
 - ii) *request the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in accordance with Step 4 paragraph f) of the Guidelines, to revise and update its NIAP in accordance with the provisions of Step 2 of the Guidelines, taking into consideration how NIAP actions that have not been achieved, as contained in its NIAP accepted as 'adequate' in 2015 and available on the NIAP webpage, can be included in the revised NIAP; and*
 - iii) *submit the revised and updated NIAP to the Secretariat for assessment in accordance with Step 3 of the Guidelines, and take urgent steps to progress the implementation of the revised and updated NIAP as soon as it is accepted as 'adequate' by the Secretariat and provide associated reporting on implementation in accordance with the provisions set out in the Guidelines.*

² <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/common/prog/niaps/E-NIAP-DRC-2015-2016.pdf>

TABLE 1: Progress ratings of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Due to the late receipt of the progress report, Table 1 does not include any assessments of the Secretariat that may be diverging from the Party's self-assessment.

NIAP	SC67 (% of NIAP actions in each progress rating category)						SC69 (% of NIAP actions in each progress rating category)					
	Substantially achieved	On track	Limited progress	Pending completion of another action	Not commenced	Unclear	Achieved	Substantially achieved	On track	Partial progress	Pending completion of another action	Not commenced
Parties of importance to watch												
Democratic Republic of Congo	11%	56%	25%	4%	4%	-	-	22%	44%	22%	5%	7%