

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

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NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLANS PROCESS:
REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLANS

This document has been prepared by the working group on National Ivory Action Plans, on the basis of three meetings held at the margins of SC69 and relation to item 29.3., and submitted on the request of the Standing Committee.

1. The working group on National Ivory Action Plans recommends that the Standing Committee adopt the recommendations regarding Qatar, Sri Lanka, Congo and Gabon, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mozambique, and Viet Nam contained in paragraphs 158 c), f), o), p), q) and u) of document SC69 Doc. 29.3, respectively. The working group further agreed with the recommendation on Togo, contained in paragraph 7 of document SC69 Doc. 29.3 Addendum.
2. The working group recommends that the Standing Committee adopt all of the recommendations outlined below. These supersede the recommendations included in documents SC69 Doc. 29.3 and SC69 Doc. 29.3 Addendum.

Parties that continue implementing their NIAPs

Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia and the United Republic of Tanzania

- a) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee, regarding the United Republic of Tanzania as Party of 'primary concern', Cameroon and Ethiopia as Parties of 'secondary concern', and Egypt as a Party of 'importance to watch', note that these Parties did not submit reports on progress with NIAP implementation that allowed for their progress to be reflected in the present document.
- b) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee, in the absence of any report or oral update on progress with NIAP implementation to SC69 by the Parties mentioned in recommendation a) above, request the Secretariat in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f) of the *Guidelines*, on behalf of the Committee to:
 - i) issue a warning, requesting the above-mentioned Parties to submit their NIAP progress reports within 60 days of the conclusion of SC69 to the Secretariat;
 - ii) if there is no satisfactory response by a Party concerned, issue a Notification to all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with that Party until the Party concerned submits a progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo

- c) The working group 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 to, in case it wishes to revise and update its NIAP that was found to be adequate in 2015, to do so within 60 days upon conclusion of SC69 and to reinsert in the revised NIAP those actions originally found to be adequate by the Secretariat, or to provide justification on why these actions should be removed from the NIAP.

Angola

- d) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee request
 - i) the Secretariat to, in accordance with Step 4 paragraph f) of the Guidelines, issue a warning requesting Angola to submit to the Secretariat a revised report on progress with NIAP implementation, including reporting on all actions that are contained in its NIAP that was found adequate by the Secretariat, within 60 days of the conclusion of SC69;
 - ii) Angola to, in case it wishes to revise and update its NIAP that was found to be adequate in 2015, to do so within 60 days upon conclusion of SC69 and to reinsert in the revised NIAP those actions originally found to be adequate by the Secretariat, or to provide justification on why these actions should be removed from the NIAP.
- e) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee, in accordance with Step 4 paragraph f) of the *Guidelines*, request the Secretariat to issue a Notification on behalf of the Standing Committee to all Parties to suspend all commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Angola, if there is no satisfactory response by Angola to the warning.
- f) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee encourage Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and others to, where possible, provide financial and technical assistance to Angola, in accordance with Decision 17.82, and to inform the Secretariat accordingly.

Cambodia

- g) The working group 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 Cambodia to enhance efforts to progress the implementation of NIAP actions between SC69 and SC70, and provide associated reporting in accordance with the provisions set out in the *Guidelines*;
 - iii) request the Secretariat to conduct a technical mission to Cambodia in accordance with paragraph 29 e) in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 14.3 on *CITES compliance procedures* at the invitation of Cambodia, to meet with national agencies responsible for NIAP implementation, offer assistance, and identify appropriate steps to progress the implementation of the NIAP, and report its findings and recommendations to the Committee at its 70th meeting; and
 - iv) agree that if Cambodia, upon assessment by the Secretariat, does not show any demonstrable progress with the implementation of its NIAP at SC70, the Standing Committee issue a recommendation to suspend all commercial trade in CITES-listed species.

Nigeria

- h) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - i) note that Nigeria submitted a progress report, available as an information document.
 - ii) request the Secretariat to evaluate the progress report and bring any matters arising to the attention of the Standing Committee as may be needed.

Japan

- i) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - i) note the report received from Japan;
 - ii) encourage Japan to remain vigilant in its efforts to combat illegal trade in ivory, and to closely review trends to ensure that the activities and measures it is implementing respond effectively to illegal trade in ivory as it affects the country;
 - iii) invite Japan to report through the Secretariat to SC70 on its implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17); and
 - vi) request the Secretariat to continue to monitor progress in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17), and to bring any issues of concern that may arise to the attention of the Committee at its 70th meeting (SC70).

Singapore

- j) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - i) not include Singapore in the NIAP process at present;
 - ii) invite Singapore to report through the Secretariat to SC70 on its implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17); and
 - iii) request the Secretariat to continue to monitor progress in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17), and to bring any issues of concern that may arise to the attention of the Committee at SC70.

South Africa

- k) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - i) note the report received from South Africa, available as information document SC69 Inf. 43;
 - ii) request South Africa to submit a report to the Secretariat so that the Secretariat can make the report available to the Standing Committee at SC70, together with any recommendations it may have; and
 - iii) request the Secretariat to continue to monitor progress in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17), and to bring any issues of concern that may arise to the attention of the Committee at SC70.

China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Kenya, Philippines, Thailand and Uganda

- l) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - i) commend China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Kenya, Philippines, Thailand and Uganda for the measures taken to implement their NIAPs;
 - ii) request the Secretariat to continue to monitor progress in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17), and to bring any issues of concern that may arise to the attention of the Committee at SC70; and,
 - iii) encourage China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Kenya, Philippines, Thailand and Uganda to submit a report to the Secretariat, 90 days before the deadline for submission of documents to the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee, on any further measures taken and activities implemented to combat illegal ivory trade, including on any new or further policy developments, so that the Secretariat can make the reports available to the Standing Committee at SC70.

- m) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee agree that it will consider at SC70 whether China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Kenya, Philippines, Thailand and Uganda should exit the NIAP process, in accordance with Step 5 paragraph d) of the *Guidelines*.

Malaysia

- n) The working group recommends that the Standing Committee, in accordance with Step 5 paragraph d) of the *Guidelines*, request Malaysia to:
 - i) revise and update its NIAP in accordance with Step 2 of the *Guidelines*, to ensure that the actions in it respond to current threats, and taking into consideration the observations made by the Secretariat in paragraphs 117 and 118 of document SC69 Doc. 29.3; and
 - ii) submit its revised and updated NIAP to the Secretariat for assessment in accordance with Step 3 of the *Guidelines*, and commence implementation as soon as its revised and updated NIAPs is accepted as 'adequate' by the Secretariat, and provide associated reporting in accordance with the provisions set out in the *Guidelines*.