

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



Sixty-ninth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 27 November – 1 December 2017

SUMMARY

MORNING

Opening remarks of the Secretary-General *No document*

The Secretary-General welcomed the participants and gave an opening speech.

Opening remarks of the Chair *No document*

The Chair also welcomed the participants and gave an opening address.

1. Adoption of the agenda SC69 Doc. 1 (Rev. 1)

The Standing Committee adopted the provisional agenda in document SC69 Doc. 1 (Rev. 1).

2. Adoption of the working programme SC69 Doc. 2 (Rev. 1)

The Standing Committee adopted the draft working programme in document SC69 Doc. 2 (Rev. 1) and noted that Qatar had additional information on agenda item 29.3 on *National ivory action plans process* that will be brought to the attention of the Standing Committee later in the meeting.

3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure SC69 Doc. 3

The Standing Committee adopted the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee contained in Annex 2 of document SC69 Doc. 3 with the following amendments:

Under new Rule 4, paragraph 1: at the end of the last sentence, replace “one third of the Members present” with “the Standing Committee”;

Under new Rule 12, paragraph 1: replace “the attention of the participants to the meeting” with “information purposes only”;

Under new Rule 14, paragraph 4: add “or non-Member Parties” at the end of the first sentence, with the understanding that only a Member may call for a vote;

Under new Rule 18: add “and non-Member Parties” after “Members of the Committee”; and

Under new Rule 19, paragraph 1: maintain the wording from the previous Rules of Procedure as follows: “The decisions of the Committee shall come into effect upon endorsement of the Executive Summary in which they are contained.”¹

¹ After listening to the recording of the meeting, the Secretariat noted that the Standing Committee had agreed to delete “In exceptional cases,” at the beginning of new Rule 20 in Annex 2 of document SC69 Doc. 3.

The Standing Committee noted that any pending issues on Rules 4.3, 14.4, 17.2, 19.1 and 20 of the Standing Committee's new Rules of Procedure will be referred to the intersessional working group on Rules of Procedure that will be established under agenda item 11 on *Rules of Procedure*.

4. Credentials..... *No document*

The Standing Committee noted that, in the absence of the Republic of Congo, Chad would be acting as representative for Africa and that, until Ethiopia is able to join the meeting, their alternate, Kenya, will act as its representative, and that an update on the credentials received would be provided later in the meeting.

5. Admission of observers.....SC69 Doc. 5 (Rev. 1)

The Standing Committee noted the list of organizations that had been invited to attend the meeting as contained in document SC69 Doc. 5 (Rev. 1) and noted its amendment as follows: "Kenya Wildlife Conservation" should be replaced by "Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association".

6. Election of the Alternate Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee *No document*

The Standing Committee noted that, with the adoption of the new Rules of Procedure, the function of Alternate Vice-Chair had been abolished.

7. Financial matters SC69 Doc. 7

The Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 7.

The Standing Committee noted that the Terms of Reference for its Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) remained as decided by the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (see information document SC69 Inf. 23) and agreed the membership for the present intersessional period as follows:

Africa: South Africa and vacant;

Asia: Japan;

Central and South America and the Caribbean: Argentina;

Europe: Norway (Chair), Israel and Germany;

North America: United States of America;

Oceania: New Zealand; and

Depositary Government: Switzerland.

The Standing Committee further noted that Colombia had expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee and that the Subcommittee would report back later at the meeting.

8. Access to funding

8.1 Global Environment Facility: Report of the Secretariat..... SC69 Doc. 8.1

The Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 8.1.

8.2 External Funding: Report of the Secretariat..... SC69 Doc. 8.2

The Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 8.2 and the suggestion from New Zealand that the Wildlife Donor Roundtable should take account of national and regional support provided for the implementation of the Convention. The Standing Committee welcomed the generous support of donors for the implementation of the Convention; and encouraged Parties to continue providing financial and in-kind support to ensure the effective implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties; and to provide financial support for organizing a Wildlife Donor Roundtable with particular focus on the sustainable use of wild fauna and flora, in implementing Decision 17.14.

9. Administration of the Secretariat

9.1 Administrative matters, including host country arrangements for the Secretariat SC69 Doc. 9.1

The Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 9.1 and welcomed the announcement made by Switzerland of enhanced support provided to the CITES Secretariat. The Standing Committee agreed that further discussion on this matter would be referred to the FBSC.

9.2 Administrative hosting models for the Secretariat *No document*

The Standing Committee noted the oral report by the Chair and agreed that further consideration of the administrative hosting models for the Secretariat would be referred to the FBSC.

9.3 Report of UNEP on administrative matters SC69 Doc. 9.3

The Standing Committee noted document SC69 Doc. 9.3.

24. Arrangements for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties *No document*

The Standing Committee noted the oral briefing provided by Sri Lanka and that the dates of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Colombo, Sri Lanka would be from 23 May to 3 June 2019.