

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



Seventieth meeting of the Standing Committee
Rosa Khutor, Sochi (Russian Federation), 1-5 October 2018

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 on developments since the submission of document SC70 Doc. 27.4 on the *National ivory action plans process*.
3. The Secretariat in document SC70 Doc. 27.4 noted that the reports on progress with NIAP implementation from Congo, Gabon and Nigeria had, at the time of writing of the document, not been received.
4. The Secretariat has since received the reports from Nigeria on 11 September 2018, from Congo on 12 September 2018, and from Gabon on 21 September 2018. These reports were received very late, considering that Step 4, paragraph a) of the *Guidelines to the National ivory action plans process*, contained in Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, states that Parties should submit progress reports to the Secretariat 90 days in advance of each regular Standing Committee meeting. Due to the late submission and its current workload, the Secretariat was regrettably not able to evaluate these reports prior to the present meeting.
5. The Secretariat made the reports received from Congo, Gabon and Nigeria available as Annexes 25 to 27 to document SC70 Doc. 27.4, without assessments, and informed these Parties accordingly. The Secretariat encouraged Congo, Gabon and Nigeria to, if present, also consider making an oral intervention at the present meeting to explain their progress.
6. The Secretariat considers that the recommendation on Nigeria, as presented in recommendation k), in document SC70 Doc. 27.4 remains overall valid, for the reasons outlined in paragraphs 77 to 85 of Annex 1 to document SC70 Doc. 27.4. In the light of the report received from Nigeria, it however seems that an amendment to the recommendation is needed. The Secretariat therefore proposes to replace recommendation k) in document SC70 Doc. 27.4, with recommendation k) below:

Nigeria

- k) The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - i) note that Nigeria successively did not submit its reports on progress with NIAP implementation in time for its progress to be assessed and reflected in the documents on NIAPs prepared by the Secretariat for SC66, SC67, SC69 and SC70;

- ii) note the report on progress with NIAP implementation submitted by Nigeria on 11 September 2018, available as Annex 25 to document SC70 Doc. 27.4, that this report was not submitted 90 days in advance of the present meeting, as required by Step 4, paragraph a) of the Guidelines, and that the Secretariat was as a result, not able to evaluate the report prior to the present meeting, as required by Step 4, paragraph c), of the Guidelines;
 - iii) note the concerns regarding the escalation of illegal trade in ivory and other wildlife specimens from Nigeria, as detailed in paragraphs 82 to 85 of Annex 1 to document SC70 Doc. 27.4;
 - iv) request the Secretariat to evaluate the progress report received from Nigeria, available as Annex 25 to document SC70 Doc. 27.4;
 - v) in the event that the Secretariat, in accordance with the provisions of Step 4, paragraph d), of the Guidelines, finds that the progress report does not provide sufficient detail of the activities delivered to justify allocated progress ratings, and does not confirm that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation, request the Secretariat to, on behalf of the Committee, in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f), of the Guidelines, issue a Notification to the Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Nigeria; and
 - vi) agree that, if implemented, the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Nigeria referred to in recommendation k) v) above, remain in place until Nigeria submits a progress report to the Secretariat, assessed by the Secretariat as providing sufficient detail of the activities delivered to justify allocated ratings, and confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation.
7. In the light of the reports received from Congo and Gabon, the Secretariat proposes that Congo and Gabon be removed from recommendation d) in paragraph 35 of document SC70 Doc. 27.4, and that the following recommendation directed to Congo and Gabon be adopted:

Congo and Gabon

- w) The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:
 - i) note that Congo and Gabon submitted reports on progress with NIAP implementation, available as Annex 26 and 27 to document SC70 Doc. 27.4;
 - ii) note that the reports submitted by Congo and Gabon were not submitted 90 days in advance of the present meeting, as required by Step 4, paragraph a) of the Guidelines, and that the Secretariat was as a result, not able to evaluate the reports prior to the present meeting, as required by Step 4, paragraph c), of the Guidelines; and
 - iii) request the Secretariat to evaluate the progress reports from Congo and Gabon and bring any matters arising to the attention of the Standing Committee as may be needed.