

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

SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

San José (Costa Rica), 19 to 30 March 1979

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee is composed of:

Mr. Zecharia Odera Kongoro	(Kenya)	Chairman
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Mr. Kenneth Berlin	(U.S.A.)	

In accordance with Rule No. 3 of the Rules of Procedure, the Credentials Committee examined the credentials of Representatives, Alternative Representatives and Advisers of the attached list of Parties and found them acceptable.

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INFORME DEL COMITE DE CREDENCIALES
RAPPORT DU COMITE DE VERIFICATION DES POUVOIRS

LIST OF ACCREDITED PARTIES
LISTA DE LAS PARTES ACREDITADAS
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Party/Parte/Partie	A) Representative Representante Représentant	B) Alternative Representative Representante suplente Représentant suppléant	C) Adviser Consejero Conseiller
AUSTRALIA/AUSTRALIE	A Robert W. Boden B John Leigh C Graham W. Saunders		
BOTSWANA	A Edwin T. Matenge		
BRAZIL/BRASIL/BRESIL	A Maria Tereza Jorge Padua B Renato Petry Leal		
CANADA	A Gaston Moisan B John B. Heppes C Eugène Lapointe C N. S. Novakowski C Clément Veilleux		
CHILE/CHILI	A Gabriel Seisededos Acchiardo		
COSTA RICA	A Mario Lopez Loria B Herbert Nanne C Alexander Bonilla C Eduardo Bravo Perez C Eduardo Lopez Pizarro C Carlos R. Villalobos		
DENMARK/DINAMARCA/DANEMARK	A Veit Koester B Birgith Sloth		
ECUADOR/EQUATEUR	A Fernando Ortiz Crespo		
EGYPT/EGIPTO/EGYPTE	A Hassan A. Hafez		
FINLAND/FINLANDIA/FINLANDE	A Esko Jaakkola		

FRANCE/FRANCIA	A Jean Servat
	B Marcel Surbiguet
	C Gerard Aymonin
	C François de Beaufort
	C Roger Tretare
GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF/ ALEMANIA, REPUBLICA FEDERAL DE/ ALLEMAGNE, REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE D'	A Karl-Gunther Kolodziejck
	B Gerhard Emonds
INDIA/INDE	A Nalni D. Jayal
INDONESIA/INDONESIE *	A Ismu Sutanto Suwelo
	B Yohannes Widodo Sutoyo
JORDAN/JORDANIA/JORDANIE	A Maher Abujafar
KENYA	A Joab H. Onyango Omino
	C Zecharia Odero Kongoro
	C Bernard Nzavi Munywoki
	C John Kimanzi Mutinda
MADAGASCAR	A Joseph Andriamampianina
MAURITIUS/MAURICIO/MAURICE	A Abdool Wahab Owadally
NEPAL	A Biswa N. Upreti
	B Rabi B. Bista
NIGER	A Ibrahim Najada
NORWAY/NORUEGA/NORVEGE	A Peter J. Schei
PAKISTAN	A A. M. Khattak
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PERU/PEROU	A Richard E. Bustamante
SOUTH AFRICA/SUDAFRICA/AFRIQUE DU SUD	A Douglas Hey
	C D. H. Elliott
	C H. J. Grové
	C S. S. du Plessis
SWEDEN/SUECIA/SUEDE	A Sven Johansson
	B Carl G. Edelstam

* Party as of March 28, 1979
 Parte desde el 28 de marzo de 1979
 Partie à partir du 28 mars 1979

SWITZERLAND/SUIZA/SUISSE

A Peter Gafner
B Peter Dollinger

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS/
UNION DE REPUBLICAS SOCIALISTAS
SOVIETICAS/UNION DES REPUBLIQUES
SOCIALISTES SOVIETIQUES

A Ludmila I. Bolshova

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND/REINO UNIDO DE GRAN
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UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET D'IRLANDE
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C Olivia J. Paget
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A Robert S. Cook
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C William Y. Brown
C Joan P. Caton
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C Don D. Farst
C William S. Huey
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C F. Wayne King
C Arthur Lazarowitz
C Richard B. Roe
C Cameron Sanders
C Christine Stevens
C Terry Wolkerstorfer

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C Kakiese Onfine

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DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Guidelines for Non-Commercial Loan, Donation
or Exchange of Museum and Herbarium Specimens

CONSIDERING that Article VII, paragraph 6, of the Convention provides an exemption from requirements of the regulation of trade in specimens of species included in Appendices I, II and III for "non-commercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions registered by a Management Authority of their State, of herbarium specimens, other preserved, dried or embedded museum specimens, and live plant material which carry a label issued or approved by a Management Authority";

RECOGNIZING that this exemption applies to legally acquired animal and plant specimens that are under the authority of a registered scientific institution;

RECALLING the recommendations of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the special working session on this subject;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RESOLVES

- a) that Parties shall take every opportunity within the scope of the Convention to encourage scientific research on wild fauna and flora that may be of use in conserving species that are threatened with extinction or that may become so;
- b) that Parties shall implement the exemption for scientific exchange in Article VII, paragraph 6, as follows:
 - i) registration of scientific institutions should be done in a manner that extends the exemption to all scientific institutions meeting certain standards in each Party nation as determined to be bona fide upon the advice of the Scientific Authority;
 - ii) that each Management Authority communicate to the Secretariat the names and addresses of those scientific institutions so registered, and that the Secretariat then communicate this information to all other Parties;

- iii) the requirement that the container used to transport the specimens carry a label issued or approved by a Management Authority should be met by authorizing the use of Customs Declaration labels on containers, provided they bear the acronym "CITES", identification of contents as herbarium specimens, preserved, dried or embedded museum specimens or live plant material for scientific study, the name and address of the sending institution and the codes of the exporting and importing institutions over the signature of a responsible officer of that registered scientific institution; or a label containing the same information authorized by the Management Authority;
- iv) to prevent abuse of this exception, it shall be limited to shipments of legally obtained specimens between registered scientific institutions, and if trade is to or from a non-Party, the Secretariat shall ensure that the institution in the non-Party nation meets the same standards for registration, as indicated by competent authorities of the non-Party government;
- v) the exception should be applied to include frozen museum specimens, duplicate herbarium specimens, and all other types of scientific specimens named in Article VII, paragraph 6, including those that are legally collected in one State for shipment to another State as non-commercial loans, donations, or exchanges;
- vi) the standards for registration of scientific institutions shall be that: (1) collections of animal or plant specimens, and records ancillary to them, shall be permanently housed and professionally curated; (2) specimens shall be accessible to all qualified users, including those from other institutions; (3) all accessions shall be properly recorded in a permanent catalogue; (4) permanent records be maintained for loans and transfers to other institutions; (5) specimens shall be acquired primarily for purposes of research that is to be reported in scientific publications; (6) specimens shall be prepared and the collections arranged in a manner that insures their utility; (7) data on specimen labels, permanent catalogues and other records should be accurate; (8) acquisitions and possession of specimens shall accord with the laws of the State in which the scientific institution is located; and (9) all specimens of species included on Appendix I shall be permanently and centrally housed under the direct control of a responsible registered scientific institution, and shall be managed in a manner to preclude the use of such specimens for decoration, trophies, or other purposes incompatible with the principles of the Convention;
- vii) that scientists who keep private collections should be encouraged to affiliate with registered scientific institutions in order that they may take advantage of the exemption provided in Article VII, paragraph 6 of the Convention;
- viii) all nations should take precautions to avoid damage or loss to science of museum and herbarium specimens or of any accompanying data;

- ix) implementation of this exemption shall be accomplished as soon as possible to ensure that non-commercial exchange of scientific specimens is not interrupted and that it occurs in a way consistent with the terms of the Convention;
- x) the Parties shall adopt a five (5) character coding system for identifying registered institutions; the first two (2) characters of which would be the 2-letter code established by the International Organization for Standardization for the nations as presented in Doc. 2.19, Annex 3; the last three (3) characters would be a unique number assigned to each institution by the Management Authority, in the case of a Party nation or by the Secretariat in the case of a non-Party nation.