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The draft resolution annexed hereto is submitted by the Republic of India, having been revised by the Seminar on CITES Implementation in Asia and Oceania (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1-12 October 1984).

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Annual Reports of Parties which Are Members of a Regional Trade Agreement

RECALLING that Article VIII, paragraph 6, of the Convention requires each Party to maintain records of the trade in specimens of species included in Appendices I, II and III, which shall cover, among other things, the states with which such trade occurred;

CONSCIOUS of the need to interpret every provision of the Convention so as to achieve, rather than frustrate, its objectives and purposes;

RECOGNIZING that the greater the information available on trade in specimens of species included in Appendices I, II and III, the greater the likelihood that the objectives and purposes of the Convention can be achieved;

NOTING that the record-keeping and reporting requirements of the Convention do not appear to conflict with the provisions of, or the obligations deriving from, any regional trading agreement currently in force;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS that each Party to the Convention, if a member of a regional trade agreement within the meaning of Article XIV, paragraph 3, of the Convention, include in its annual reports information on trade in specimens of species in Appendices I, II and III with other member states of that regional trade agreement, unless the record-keeping and reporting duties of Article VIII of the Convention are in direct conflict with the provisions of the regional trade agreement.