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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

REGULAR REVIEW OF ALLEGED INFRACTIONS

This document has been prepared and submitted by Saint Lucia.

Background

It is evident that the workings of the Convention are, to some degree, being hindered by the failure of certain Parties to implement the requirements of the Convention fully and effectively. In the case of some territories this is due to a lack of financial/manpower resources, in others, perhaps, due to a lack of understanding or misinterpretation of the Convention. This is understandable. However, it would appear that some other countries are knowingly violating certain CITES obligations. Saint Lucia believes that to ensure the effectiveness of CITES in the future, such infractions should where possible be documented and investigated by the Technical Committee of CITES. Whilst we do not propose to recommend the introduction of disciplinary action, we feel that a circulated written report would do much to encourage Parties to take corrective action and to fulfill their obligations to the best of their abilities. For this reason, Saint Lucia would like to submit the attached draft resolution (Annex)*.

* This draft resolution has been withdrawn by the delegation of Saint Lucia (see document Plen. 5.3, item XIII 13.). It is, therefore, not reproduced in these Proceedings. (Note from the Secretariat).