

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

Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Ottawa (Canada), 12 to 24 July 1987

Committee Reports and Recommendations

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee met in Lausanne, Switzerland, during the period 23 to 27 June 1986. Approximately 49 Parties and 26 observers were present and dealt with a full agenda. The original intent of the Convention as an international agreement intended to enhance the conservation status of wild fauna and flora by providing for strict control over international trade in certain wild plants, animals or products derived from them was re-emphasized. It was recognized that while the intent of the Convention is not to eliminate trade, it is intended to eliminate trade as a threat to the continued survival of any species of wild fauna and flora.

All issues were resolved by consensus and it was not necessary to subject any to a formal vote. The prevailing spirit of co-operation enabled the meeting to move efficiently and to close slightly ahead of schedule.

A number of recommendations of the Technical Committee have been referred to this meeting of the Conference of the Parties for consideration. These are included in the Agenda and are described in some detail in the Conference documents. Further, all issues considered by the Technical Committee are in the summary report of that meeting which was provided to all Parties under cover of Secretariat Notification No. 437 dated 13 March 1987.

Being aware of the amount of paper each of you already has accumulated and will have to carry home, in the interest of time, and being desirous of moving the business of the Conference forward, I refer any who have need of more information to those documents, hereby conclude my report and relinquish the remainder of the time allocated to this subject to those who follow me on the Agenda.

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Technical Committee