

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

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Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE XIV, PARAGRAPH 1, OF THE CONVENTION

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

1. At the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Buenos Aires, 1985), document Doc. 5.34 including a resolution adopted by ten African Parties was submitted for consideration by the Technical Committee.
2. Having discussed the document, the Technical Committee recommended that the matter be referred to a working group. This was approved by the Conference of the Parties and Zimbabwe was elected Chairman of the Group.
3. At the second meeting of the Technical Committee (Lausanne, June 1986), the opinion of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre (document Doc. TEC. 2.5) was submitted and considered by the Working Group along with the above-mentioned resolution. The Working Group then prepared a draft resolution contained in Document WGR. TEC. 2.11 which was considered by TEC and approved after minor amendments.
4. The revised draft resolution is attached to this document as Annex and is submitted for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Interpretation of Article XIV, Paragraph 1, of the Convention

AWARE that international co-operation is fundamental to achieving the objectives of the Convention;

RECOGNIZING the concern of some Parties that stricter domestic measures taken pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 1, of the Convention may have an adverse impact on the conservation status of the species concerned in their countries of origin;

BELIEVING that any difficulties that arise with respect to the adoption of stricter domestic measures can be resolved by mutual consultation and co-operation;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS

- a) that each Party intending to take stricter domestic measures pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 1, of the Convention regarding trade in parts and derivatives of species included in the appendices make every reasonable effort to notify the range states of the species concerned at as early a stage as possible prior to the adoption of such measures and consult with those range states that express a wish to confer on the matter; and
- b) that each Party that has taken such stricter domestic measures prior to the adoption of this Resolution consult, if requested, on the appropriateness of such measures with range states of the species concerned.