

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

Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

DESIGNATION OF SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES

This document has been prepared by the United States of America as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

BACKGROUND

1. At the fourteenth meeting of the Standing Committee, the United States noted that 28 of the Party listings in the Secretariat's Directory did not contain the identity of a Scientific Authority designated as required by Article IX, paragraph 1(b), of the Convention and that this deficiency might be due to a failure of some Parties to notify the Secretariat of such identity or to a failure of some Parties to designate a Scientific Authority.
2. The United States agreed as the Chairman of the Technical Committee to undertake a survey regarding Scientific Authorities and prepare a document on this matter.
3. The annexed draft resolution is submitted for consideration by the meeting as a method of conducting the survey referred to in item 2 above and of assuring that Parties fulfill their obligations under Article IX, paragraph 1(b).

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Designation of Scientific Authorities

CONSIDERING that the provisions of Article IX, paragraph 1(b), of the Convention require each Party to designate one or more Scientific Authorities for purposes of the Convention;

RECOGNIZING that Management Authorities may only issue export and import permits under Articles III and IV on the basis of advice by designated Scientific Authorities;

RECOGNIZING the importance of Scientific Authorities to the effective implementation of the Convention;

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URGES

- a) every Party that has designated one or more Scientific Authorities pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1(b), of the Convention, and has not provided the name, address, telephone, telex and cable numbers of such authorities to the Secretariat to do so within 180 days after the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and
- b) every Party that has not designated one or more Scientific Authorities pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1(b), to do so and notify the Secretariat within 180 days after the same meeting;

RECOMMENDS that a state depositing an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession at that time notify the Secretariat of all designated Scientific Authorities; and

REQUESTS that the Secretariat communicate this Resolution to all states and notify the Parties of any Party that has not designated a Scientific Authority and duly notified the Secretariat.