

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

Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Lausanne (Switzerland), 9 to 20 October 1989

DETERMINATION OF THE TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

1. By note of 25 January 1989 sent through the diplomatic channel the Secretariat informed all Parties that, should they wish to offer to host the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, "a formal offer should be made at the Lausanne meeting by the representative authorized to do so".
2. In addition, the Secretariat requested the Parties to give it notice of their intent in order to provide the Secretariat with an opportunity to discuss in advance the details and implications of such an offer.
3. At the time of drafting of this document the following Parties have indicated their intention to offer to host the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

Egypt
Jordan
Nigeria
Papua New Guinea
Togo
United Republic of Tanzania

4. Concerning these offers, provisional in certain cases, the Secretariat wishes to make the following comments:
 - a) For financial reasons the Secretariat has been unable to visit any of the Parties that have offered to host the next meeting.
 - b) The Secretariat has assumed, in the preparation of its budget for the next biennium (triennium), that the prospective host country of the eighth meeting will bear a significant portion of the cost of the meeting. The offer of Egypt was conditional on that Party bearing none of the costs.
 - c) The offer of Jordan was conditional on the refusal of acceptance of entry for two Parties and, thus, is judged unacceptable by the Secretariat.

- d) While the Secretariat has little information on the offers made by the Parties concerned this does not mean that facilities do not exist for the presentation of a successful meeting. However, Parties should be reminded that proper facilities and accommodation, and a significant financial and staff commitment by the host government are prerequisites for a successful meeting.
5. For each Party wishing to make a presentation during the Lausanne meeting in support of its offer, the Secretariat will upon request arrange appropriate facilities (excluding interpretation) for a 30 minute period outside of the regular sessions. Such Parties are invited to bring audio-visual material (such as films, videos, slides, etc.) for use in their presentations.
6. Parties are invited to consider the information presented in document Doc. 7.44 concerning the time interval between meetings of the Conference of the Parties in making their decision.