The draft resolution attached to this document (Annex) has been prepared and is submitted by France.
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Amendments to Appendix III

RECALLING that Article II of the Convention states in its paragraph 3 that "Appendix III shall include all species which any Party identifies as being subject to regulation within its jurisdiction for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation, and as needing the co-operation of other Parties in the control of trade";

RECALLING that Article XVI of the Convention establishes the modalities for implementation of and amendment to Appendix III;

CONSIDERING that it is the role of each Party and of it alone, to decide which of those species occurring in its territory are to be included in Appendix III;

NOTING that Appendix III is changed all through the year and that, therefore, the Convention appendices are subject to frequent updating;

RECALLING that Appendices I and II are changed only at meetings of the Conference of the Parties, except when, rather exceptionally, use is made of the postal procedures set forth in Article XV, paragraph 2, of the Convention;

CONSIDERING the administrative simplification which would result for all Party states from a regrouping in time of amendments to all appendices;

CONSIDERING that such a simplification would facilitate the implementation of the Convention;

CONSIDERING, however, that urgent circumstances may make necessary the quick listing of one or more species in Appendix III;

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RECOMMENDS that each Party who intends to include one or more species in Appendix III, or to withdraw one or more species of this appendix, to declare these inclusions or withdrawals at meetings of the Conference of the Parties; and

DIRECTS the Secretariat to publish the changed Appendices I, II and III together after each meeting of the Conference of the Parties.