

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Animals Committee

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE

The attached draft resolution has been prepared and submitted by Kenya.

Note from the Secretariat

The Parties may wish to take note that if a revision of the regional representation on the Animals Committee is

accepted, it should also apply to the Plants Committee. In addition, adequate funding should be provided for in the budget, i.e. CHF 15,000 for each Committee.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Regional Representation on the Animals Committee

CONSIDERING that Resolution Conf. 6.1, adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Ottawa, 1987), recognizes the importance of a formal system for the appointment of committees of the Conference of the Parties and established procedures to be followed when committees are created;

NOTING that Resolution Conf. 6.1 established the Animals Committee of the Conference of the Parties with representation by one person from each of the six geographical regions, consisting of Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South and Central America and the Caribbean, and Oceania;

NOTING that the Conference of the Parties has established a working system of alternates for the elected representatives to the Animals Committee;

RECOGNIZING that the bulk of the world's biodiversity occurs in Africa, South and Central America and Asia, and also that the majority of animal species listed in the appendices of the Convention are from these regions;

AWARE that there are only three Parties in the North American region, but 40 or more in Africa, 25 or more in South and Central America and the Caribbean, and 18 or more in Asia, which, in addition, stretches from Israel in the West to Japan in the East;

CONCERNED that the technical representation established by Resolution Conf. 6.1 reflects neither the richness of biodiversity nor the number of Parties in the various regions;

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AGREES that the representation for the regions of Africa, South and Central America and the Caribbean, and Asia shall be increased to two persons each; and

CONFIRMS that, for each person elected to the Animals Committee, there should be an elected alternate who will attend meetings wherever possible without requiring the Secretariat to seek additional resources.