1. According to Article XI, paragraph 7, of the Convention, any body or agency technically qualified in the protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

   a) international agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and

   b) national non-governmental agencies or bodies that have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.

2. Rule 3, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure [Doc. 11.1 (Rev. 1)] requires that bodies and agencies desiring to be represented at the meeting by observers shall submit the names of these observers [and, in the case of bodies and agencies referred to in Rule 2, paragraph 2b), evidence of the approval of the State in which they are located] to the Secretariat of the Convention at least one month prior to the opening of the meeting.

3. These provisions apply to all agencies or bodies other than the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies (which are not subject to the admission procedure of Article XI, paragraph 7, of the Convention, according to paragraph 6 of the same Article, and Rule 2, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure).

4. Listed in Annex 1 of the present document are all bodies and agencies that by 10 March 2000 had informed the Secretariat of their desire to be represented at the meeting by observers. At the time of writing, the Secretariat had not received from some of the national non-governmental agencies or bodies the proof that they had been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located. In these cases, the proof is required at the time of registration in Gigiri.

5. The list in Annex 1 is submitted to the Conference of the Parties for purposes of considering the admission of observers in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 7, of the Convention.

Approval of national organizations

6. As agreed by the Conference of the Parties at its 10th meeting (see Annex 2 to document Doc. 10.5), the Secretariat is now implementing strictly the rule relating to the deadline for the submission of names of observers representing national and international bodies and agencies.

7. However, a number of national organizations and agencies have failed to provide before the one-month deadline evidence of the approval of the State in which they are located. The Secretariat has always been flexible in its interpretation of the rule requiring this evidence to be provided one month before the meeting (see paragraph 4 above). However, the burden of the Secretariat in preparing for meetings of the Conference of the Parties is such that it can no longer afford this flexibility. Observers should therefore note that, in future, the Secretariat will apply this rule rigidly.
Decision regarding admission of observers

8. It should be noted that the text in document Doc. 10.5 Annex 2, which was adopted at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties was not recorded as a Decision but will be so recorded after the 11th meeting.
List of organizations

A. International organizations/Organizaciones internacionales/Organisations internationales

AFRICAN RESOURCES TRUST
AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
ASSOCIATION TECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE DES BOIS TROPICAUX
BELLERIVE FOUNDATION
CARE FOR THE WILD INTERNATIONAL
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
CENTER FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
CETACEAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE MINISTERIELLE SUR LA COOPERATION HALIEUTIQUE ENTRE LES ETATS AFRICAINS RIVERAINS DE L'OCEAN ATLANTIQUE
DARDEN ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST
EARTH WAYS
EASTERN CARIBBEAN COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
ECOTERRA INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ZOO AND WILDLIFE VETERINARIANS
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIA
EUROPEAN BUREAU FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
EUROPEAN PET ORGANIZATION
FACE
FAUNA AND FLORA INTERNATIONAL
FRIEDKIN CONSERVATION FUND
FRIENDS OF WHALERS
GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL
HIGH NORTH ALLIANCE
HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FALCONRY & CONSERVATION OF BIRDS OF PREY
INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF FISHERIES ASSOCIATIONS (ICFA)
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR GAME AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE
INTERNATIONAL FUR TRADE FEDERATION
INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE COALITION
IUCN – THE WORLD CONSERVATION UNION
IWMC-WORLD CONSERVATION TRUST
LAW AND ENVIRONMENT EURASIA PARTNERSHIP
ORNAMENTAL FISH INTERNATIONAL
PET INDUSTRY JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL
RARE EARTH EXPLORATIONS & SAVING WILD TIGERS
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL
SAVE THE ELEPHANTS
SPECIES SURVIVAL NETWORK
SWAN INTERNATIONAL
THE PRIMATE CONSERVATION & WELFARE SOCIETY
TRAFFIC NETWORK
WHALE AND DOLPHIN CONSERVATION SOCIETY
WIDER CARIBBEAN SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION NETWORK, INC.
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY
WILDLIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY OF INDIA
WILDLIFE WORKS
WORLD CONSERVATION MONITORING CENTRE
WORLD CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION
WORLD SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS (WSPA)
WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE

B. National organizations/Organizaciones nacionales/Organisations nationales
AARANYAK NATURE CLUB
ACROPORA, INC.
ACTION CAMPAIGN FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES
AIPA ITALIAN ASSOCIATION
ALL JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION
AMERICAN ZOO AND AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION
ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE
ASOCIACIÓN COLOMBIANA DE ZOOCRÍA Y FAUNA SILVESTRE
ASOCIACIÓN DE RESCATE DE FAUNA (ARFA)
ASSOCIATION OF MIDWEST FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
BASKING SHARK SOCIETY
BNA
BORN FREE FOUNDATION
CAMPFIRE
CANADIAN MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION SOCIETY
CANADIAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE TIGER FOUNDATION
INUUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL
JAPAN BEKKO ASSOCIATION
JAPAN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION
JAPAN IVORY ASSOCIATION
JAPAN LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
JAPAN WHALING ASSOCIATION
JAPAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY
JOURNALISTS AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION (JADE)
KALAHARI CONSERVATION SOCIETY
KAPPA PHI SIGMA-CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
KSBK (ANIMAL CONSERVATION FOR LIFE)
LEAP FOUNDATION
LIBERTY INSTITUTE
MAASAI ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE COALITION (MERC)
MAASAI MARA KOIYAKI LEMEK WILDLIFE TRUST
MARINE AQUARIUM COUNCIL
MOPAWI HN
NACRES
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SPCA (ZA)
NATIONAL TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
NATURE AND YOUTH
NATURE KENYA
NATURE SEEKERS, INC.
NORGES MILJOVERNFORBUND
NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN'S WIVES' ASSOCIATION
NORWEGIAN WHALERS UNION
NOVLAH KENYA SUPPORT GROUP
OL JOGI, LTD
ORNAMENTAL AQUATIC TRADE ASSOCIATION LTD.
OVERSEAS FISHERY COOPERATION FOUNDATION
PAN AFRICAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NETWORK
PET CARE TRUST
PLANTS FOR LIFE INTERNATIONAL
PRO WILDLIFE
PROYECTO MANGLARES/TORTUGAS GT
RANTHAMBHORE FOUNDATION
RED ECOLOGISTA HONDUREÑA PARA EL DESARROLO SOSTENIBLE
RETMALAL CO
RINGLING BROS.
ROBIN DES BOIS
ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL (SOUTH AFRICA)
SAFETY FIRST
SHINSHU UNIVERSITY
SOCIETE NATIONALE DE PROTECTION DE LA NATURE (S.N.P.N.)
SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, HONG KONG
SOLIDARITE JEUNESSE
ST. LUCIA ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY
THE EAST AFRICAN WILD LIFE SOCIETY
THE FUND FOR ANIMALS, INC.
THE MIDDLE EAST NATURE CONSERVATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION
THE RICHES OF THE SEA
THIRD MILLENNIUM FOUNDATION, INC.
UGANDA WILDLIFE SOCIETY
UNIVERSITY OF NATAL
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
UVUMBUZI CLUB
VUB FREE UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS BE
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
WILDLIFE ACTION GROUP
WILDLIFE CLUBS OF KENYA
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF TANZANIA
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL
WILDLIFE TRUST OF INDIA
WILDLIFE WATCH GROUP, NEPAL FORUM OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS (NEFEJ)
WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE
WORLD WILDLIFE FUND USA