

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

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Strategic and administrative matters

Financing and budgeting of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 2000

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat. The Standing Committee accepted a previous version of the document at its 42nd meeting (Lisbon, 28 September – 1 October 1999).
2. The Conference of the Parties approved the budget for the triennium 1998-2000 at its 10th meeting, in June 1997. In the meantime, the priorities and the means of implementing some of the activities of the Secretariat have changed, leading to the need for an updated budget schedule that reflects the present requirements. This schedule is shown in the Annex to the present document. It should be noted that modifications were approved by the Standing Committee and are detailed in this Annex. For example, the date for the current meeting of the Conference of the Parties has been rescheduled from the year 1999 to 2000. As a result, the whole budget associated with the meeting, of CHF 1.41 million, had to be rescheduled from 1999 to 2000.
3. The Standing Committee at its 40th and 42nd meetings approved seven new posts to assist the Secretariat in implementation and enforcement of the Convention. The costs of these new posts will be funded in the year 2000 from the draw-down balance in the Trust Fund under the provisions detailed in Resolution Conf. 10.1.
4. The budget component for subcontracts, which covers substantive activities relating to matters such as the review of national legislation, significant trade, nomenclature studies and the Identification Manual, has been increased by CHF 460,000.
5. This provision covers also the increased cost of maintenance of the CITES Web site, the CITES List server and publication of the CITES Checklist and the Annotated CITES Appendices and Reservations.
6. The budget of the Standing Committee has been reduced from CHF 82,500 to CHF 10,000. This is because the Standing Committee met twice in 1999, using its budget for the year 2000 in advance. Since the meeting of the Standing Committee in the year 2000 is being held in Nairobi a day before the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it will involve relatively little expenditure.
7. Modifications have been made also to the budget line for meetings, which has been increased by CHF 240,000 to cover the anticipated costs of the meetings of the Plants and Animals Committees and the Criteria Working Group.

