

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*

Proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 9.24

CRITERIA FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

RECALLING that Resolution Conf. 9.24, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (Fort Lauderdale, 1994) recommended that the text and the annexes of this Resolution be fully reviewed before the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with regard to the scientific validity of the criteria, definitions, notes and guidelines and their applicability to different groups of organisms;

RECALLING that the Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting (Gigiri, 2000), approved procedures for this review, laid down in Decision 11.2;

NOTING the work that has been accomplished in the inter-sessional period leading to the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and at this meeting;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

TAKES NOTE of the current draft resolution for the amendment of the criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II, attached to this Resolution;

ENCOURAGES Parties to consider the content of that draft resolution and its included annexes as additional guidance to supplement Resolution Conf. 9.24 when preparing proposals for the amendment of the Appendices to be considered at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, particularly with respect to proposals regarding commercially exploited aquatic species;

DECIDES to consider further the question of the possible revision of the criteria to amend the Appendices, with the results to be reported to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DIRECTS the Standing Committee to consider, at its 49th meeting, the terms of reference for the continuation of this work by the Animals and Plants Committee.

* This document has been submitted by Denmark on behalf of the Member States of the European Union following discussion of agenda item 58 in a Working Group of Committee I.