

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

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Chairwoman: A.-M. Delahunt (Australia)

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The Chairwoman stated that document CoP12 Com. II Rep. 1 did not clearly describe the consensus to retain the current Committee structure and wished to have the report amended to reflect such consensus. The delegation of Japan asked for the second sentence of paragraph two of item 13 to be deleted. The Committee accepted both amendments and approved the report.

Strategic and administrative matters

19. Financing of the conservation of species of wild fauna and flora

The delegation of Antigua and Barbuda, having consulted with the delegation of Georgia, suggested the following amendments to document CoP12 doc19:

Change the title to read: Financing the conservation and mechanism for sustainable international trade in species of wild fauna and flora;

Amend paragraph 5 by inserting and sustainable international trade of species after 'conservation';

Amend the title at paragraph 6 by inserting and sustainable international trade of species after 'conservation';

Amend the penultimate sentence in paragraph 6 by inserting and sustainable international trade of species after 'conservation';

In Annex 1, amend the title of the first draft decision, directed to the Parties, to read:

Regarding financing of the conservation of and sustainable international trade of species in wild fauna and flora

Amend the beginning of the decision to read:

The Parties should provide to the Secretariat information on best-practice methods for the financing of the conservation of and sustainable international trade in species of wild fauna and flora, and capacity building for developing countries/countries with economies in transition to ensure the full implementation of the Convention at the national level, as may be appropriate, ...

Amend the first sentence of the second draft decision, directed to the Secretariat, to read:

The Secretariat will review existing and innovative mechanisms to finance the conservation of and institutional mechanisms to facilitate sustainable international trade in species of wild fauna and flora, and capacity building for developing countries/countries with economies in transition to ensure the full implementation of the Convention at the national level.

Replace 'conservation trust funds' in the second sentence of this draft decision with relevant trust funds.

Amend the penultimate sentence by adding at the end: and capacity building for developing countries/countries with economies in transition to ensure the full implementation of the Convention at the national level.

The delegation of the Russian Federation expressed support for the amended language. The Chairwoman asked for the revised text to be provided in written form for further discussion at the next session of the Committee.

18. Economic incentives and trade policy

The Secretariat outlined the amendments to the document agreed during the third session of the Committee meeting, and presented in document CoP12 Com II. 1, and the delegation of the United States of America explained the changes shown in the document that it was proposing.

The delegation of Argentina, supported by the delegations of Brazil and China, opposed the deletion of the phrase 'perverse economic incentives' from the second operative paragraph. The delegation of Uganda supported the deletion of the term so called in the same sentence. After a brief discussion, with comments by the delegations of Argentina, Denmark on behalf of the Member States of the EU, and the United States, the delegation of Argentina proposed substitution of 'so called perverse' with negative. This was accepted.

The deletion of the fourth operative paragraph was agreed.

The Committee agreed to the change to the seventh operative paragraph which had been proposed by the delegation of the United States at the third session of the Committee.

The delegation of Denmark on behalf of the Member States of the EU proposed including a third preambular paragraph which would read as follows:

Reaffirming also the importance of fully respecting the provisions of Article XIV of the Convention on the effect on domestic legislation and international conventions;

After some discussion involving the delegations of Brazil, Denmark on behalf of the Member States of the EU, the Russian Federation and Saint Lucia, this was accepted.

The delegation of Brazil, supported by the delegations of Argentina and China, expressed concerns regarding the new preambular paragraph and its potential effect on developing countries. They proposed an additional preambular paragraph to provide counterbalance, as follows:

Also reaffirming the importance that the provisions of Article XIV do not negatively affect the conservation of CITES-listed species and the environment, due to lack of access to markets by developing countries.

The delegations of Denmark, on behalf of the Member States of the EU, and the United States opposed the inclusion of an additional preambular paragraph and suggested several options to address these concerns. The Chairwoman suggested that the delegations of Brazil and Denmark seek to resolve the issue and report to the Committee at the next session.

17. Sustainable use of and trade in CITES species

The delegation of Norway, as chairman of the working group established to discuss this issue, reported that although there had been fruitful discussion and some progress, no changes to the proposed resolution had been agreed by the working group. The delegation of Norway therefore unilaterally proposed replacing the operative paragraphs of the proposed resolution in document CoP12 Doc. 17 with the following:

- a) *CITES seek close cooperation with inter alia the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and FAO aimed at harmonizing the interpretation of the principle of sustainable use in order to improve the synergy with CBD and other relevant international management organizations, in order to ensure that international trade in wildlife and wildlife products is sustainable;*
- b) *The CITES Secretariat, on the basis of elaborations by the Standing Committee, the Animals Committee, and the Plants Committee, prepare a proposal for the application of the CITES listing criteria in a manner that supports the objective of sustainable use, also taking into account the objectives of sustainable trade and sustainable development, with the aim of adopting this proposal at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and*
- c) *CITES consider ways of developing a more effective review mechanism for the Appendices, inter alia the formalization and regularization of existing review procedures under the Plants and Animals Committees, taking into account the biological dynamics of the various taxonomic groups, and aimed at facilitating any appropriate changes of the Appendices.*

Following an intervention by the delegation of Denmark on behalf of the Member States of the EU, the Chairwoman asked the Secretariat to provide a revised document for discussion at a later session.

The session closed at 15h55.