

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

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Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
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Committee II meeting

Ninth session: 12 November 2002: 9h05-10h30

Chairwoman: A.-M. Delahunt (Australia)

Secretariat: S. Baker  
J. Barzdo  
S. Nash  
J. Sellar  
M. Yeater

Rapporteurs: H. Gillett  
P. Wheeler

The delegation of Japan noted that Japan should be deleted from item 54 of document CoP12 Com. II Rep. 6. The document as amended was accepted. Document CoP12 Com. II Rep. 7 was accepted.

**Strategic and administrative matters**

6. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Secretariat noted that 131 of 141 Parties present had now had their credentials accepted, and urged the remaining 10 Parties to contact the Credential Committee.

17. Sustainable use of and trade in CITES species

The delegation of the Russian Federation wished that their support of the draft resolution be recorded, even though they had abstained during the vote the previous day.

10. Committee reports and recommendations

b) Plants Committee

i) Report of the Chairwoman

The Chairwoman suggested that all recommendations in document CoP12 Doc. 10.2 that related to financial matters [paragraphs 16 c) and 56-59] should be set aside until the budget discussions. The recommendations in paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 a), 16 b), 21, 25, 29, 32, 36, 37, 38, 51, 52 and 60 of the document were agreed.

## Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

### 28. National laws for implementation of the Convention

The Secretariat introduced document CoP12 Doc. 28, pointing out that the information in it was dynamic and was updated as appropriate.

The delegation of Saint Lucia expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for its assistance in enhancing its national legislation. Saint Lucia had adapted the model law to the particular circumstances of small island States and was very willing to discuss its legislation with other Parties within the region. They also stressed the need for continued capacity-building in the area of legislation and enforcement in the Caribbean sub-region. The delegation of the Russian Federation said that its own legal experts were of the opinion that Russian legislation was adequate for the Russian Federation to be classified in Category I. They suggested that there might have been problems in the translation of the legislation from Russian.

The delegation of Ireland, noting that its legislation was listed as 'pending' in Annex 3, said that it would now be submitted to the Secretariat and that they believed that it would be classified in Category I. The delegation of Denmark on behalf of the Member States of the EU noted that, with Greece no longer being 'under review' and Ireland expecting to be reclassified, all of the Member States of the EU would have met their obligations. The delegation of Monaco noted that their country was situated on the Customs territory of the European Union but not a Member State. Consequently all European Community Customs procedures applied on their territory. Regarding non-Customs procedures, draft national legislation derived from European Community regulations had been submitted to the Secretariat for review.

The delegations of Brazil, Chile, Congo, Guinea, Mauritius and Senegal described their relevant national legislation and requested the Secretariat to provide guidance on what was needed in addition for classification in Category I. The delegation of Poland noted that it should be excluded from paragraph b) i) of the Annex to the draft decision in Annex 2 as Poland was no longer in Category 2. The delegation of Georgia suggested that it might be helpful if Parties in Category I were to provide copies of their relevant legislation for inclusion on the CITES website as a model for other Parties to follow. The delegation of Namibia stated that it was in the process of revising its legislation.

The Chairwoman noted the general appreciation shown by Parties of the work undertaken by the Secretariat and said that the necessary corrections and updates to the Annex of the document would be made.

The Chairwoman, noting that the delegations of Chile, China and the Dominican Republic had made comments regarding extension of the deadlines for submission of CITES legislation plans to the Secretariat, proposed that the issue of deadlines should be discussed at a subsequent session.

With that proviso, document CoP12 Doc. 28 was accepted.

The session closed at 10h30.