Following the discussion of agenda item 56, Operations that breed Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes, sub-item 56.3 Report of the Animals Committee, the Secretariat undertook to submit the following draft decision.

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

13.xx The Standing Committee shall, through its clearing house mechanism, decide on the appropriate way to continue consideration of the relationship between ex situ production (of animals and plants) and in situ conservation in the context of CITES. It shall establish precise terms of reference for the CITES bodies that should be involved in this work, set timelines for the work to be done, and report on progress at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.