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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee II

Electronic permitting

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Text from document CoP14 Doc. 40.1 (Rev. 1) Annex

Directed to the Standing Committee

~~14.xx The Standing Committee's Working Group on the Use of Information Technology and Electronic Systems shall extend its mandate pursuant to Decision 13.69 to assist the Secretariat in drafting guidelines in the use of common information exchange formats, protocols and standards and electronic signatures to promote the development and use of electronic permitting systems among Parties and shall present a report at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress made by the Working Group.~~

Text from document CoP14 Doc. 40.2, paragraph 8

Directed to the Standing Committee

14.xx The Standing Committee, ~~having acknowledged the progress made by the Working Group established following Decision 13.69 and the Report of the Secretariat pursuant to Decision 13.70,~~ shall extend the mandate of the Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems in order for it to further elaborate on the information provided by the Secretariat and to perform the following tasks:

- a) analyse the information collected with the questionnaires in order to define the commonalities among Parties and the extent to which these systems are interoperable;
- b) evaluate and analyse the information provided by the Secretariat on the experience of other bodies and conventions or agreements (UNEP-WCMC, CCAMLR, World Customs Organization) on the use of electronic systems and permits;
- c) integrate the information collected to advise on the use of common formats, protocols and standards to facilitate and encourage interoperability of information among Parties; collaborate with the Secretariat in drafting guidelines on the use of common information exchange formats, protocols and standards and electronic signatures;
- d) promote the development and use of electronic permitting systems among Parties;

~~e~~) further explore the availability of a few Parties to participate in case studies; and

~~f~~) report to the Standing Committee at its 58th meeting on the results of its work.

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Directed to the Secretariat

14.xx Subject to the availability of financial and human resources, the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Working Group on the Use of Information Technology and Electronic Systems, shall prepare a CD-ROM and Web-based toolkit on electronic permitting systems for consideration at the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee to assist Parties with implementation of electronic permitting systems. The toolkit shall include:

- a) advice on the use of common information exchange formats, protocols and standards for use with electronic permitting systems;
- b) advice on the use of electronic signatures and other electronic security measures;
- c) advice on the development and implementation of interoperable information exchange pilot projects on electronic permitting systems;
- d) a list of Parties willing to assist less developed countries in developing electronic permitting systems;
- e) a list of Parties currently using electronic permitting systems; and
- f) information on new developments in the use of electronic documents by relevant organizations.

14.xx The Secretariat shall collaborate with UNEP-WCMC in the further development and dissemination of Internet-based software tools.