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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Strategic matters

Capacity Building

International expert workshop on non-detriment findings

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Decision 14.51, directed the Secretariat to:
 - a) *as a matter of high priority, assist in obtaining funds from interested Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and other funding sources to support an international expert workshop on non-detriment findings under the terms set out in Decision 14.49;*
 - b) *assist the Steering Committee, chaired by Mexico, in preparing for the workshop;*
 - c) *ensure that the proceedings resulting from the expert workshop on non-detriment findings are made available to the general public via the CITES website; and*
 - d) *report on these activities at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*
3. As directed, the Secretariat raised funds to hold the International Expert Workshop on Non-detriment Findings and under Memoranda of Understanding, transferred a total of USD 168,240 to the Mexican Scientific Authority *Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad*, (CONABIO), which organized the meeting. These funds came from the European Commission (USD 126,000) and the United States of America (USD 42,240). CONABIO received other funds directly from donors which contributed to the organization of the workshop. The Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank the European Commission and the United States of America for their generous support.
4. The Secretariat met with the Mexican organizers of the workshop in Geneva on 25 January 2008 and participated fully in the workshop Steering Committee which met on 22 August 2007 and 1 April 2008 by teleconference, informally in Geneva on 16 July 2008, before each daily session during the workshop, and after the closure of its final session. Two members of the Secretariat participated in the workshop with financial support generously provided by the European Commission and the International Tropical Timber Organization. During the workshop the Secretariat gave an [introductory plenary presentation](#) and contributed fully to the deliberation in the working groups and the final plenary session.
5. The Secretariat created [a page on the CITES website](#) to make the proceedings resulting from the workshop were made available to the general public.
6. The Conference of the Parties is invited to note the contents of this document.