REPORT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICA BUSHMEAT WORKING GROUP

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. In Decisions 14.73 and 14.74 the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group was encouraged to:

   collaborate with the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in its work and is invited to draw to the attention of the Standing Committee and/or the Conference of the Parties to any matters relating to the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.11.

   continue its work, also by collaborating with the Convention on Biological Diversity Liaison Group on non-timber forest resources, and to report to the Standing Committee on progress made in implementing national action plans relating to the trade in bushmeat and other initiatives it takes regarding this subject. A report on the subject of bushmeat should be submitted at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. The Secretariat has been in contact with the coordinator of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group, Mr Marcellin Agnagna from Cameroon, but at the time of writing (October 2009) no report from the Group had been received.

4. In the absence of a report from the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group, the Secretariat can not offer any substantive comments.

5. In May 2009, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) invited the Secretariat to attend a meeting of its Liaison Group on Bushmeat (October 2009, Buenos Aires). The Secretariat did not have the funds to participate, but suggested to the CBD Secretariat that it invite the coordinator of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group to attend, which it subsequently did.

6. The Secretariat proposes no further action on this subject.