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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee I

Saiga antelope

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Regarding the Saiga antelope

Directed to the range States of the Saiga antelope (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) and to China as a former range State

- 15.XX All range States of *Saiga tatarica* should fully implement the measures directed to them that are contained in the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the saiga antelope (2007-2011)*, developed in support of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concerning 'Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica tatarica*)' and its *Saiga Action Plan*.
- 15.XX All range States of *Saiga tatarica* should provide information on the measures and activities they undertook to implement the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the saiga antelope (2007-2011)* in their biennial reports for the period 2009-2010.

Directed to States that are important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives

- 14.94 (Rev. CoP15) Important consumer and trading States of saiga parts and derivatives are encouraged to collaborate in managing and controlling trade in saiga antelope, and should take into consideration the recommendations formulated in *Trade in saiga antelope horns and other parts: an overview of recent global trade trends and conservation aspects with a focus on market demand in Southeast Asia* (Annex 6 to document CoP14 Doc. 56), particularly those relating to:
- a) the development of coherent policies and procedures for the disposal of confiscated saiga parts and derivatives;
 - b) the registration and marking of saiga parts and derivatives that are kept in government or private ownership, regular monitoring of such stockpiles, and the adoption of a labelling system for products containing saiga specimens;
 - c) the reduction of the overall consumption of saiga parts and derivatives in close cooperation with medicine manufacturers and communities using traditional Asian medicine, e.g. by restricting the varieties of patent medicines that are allowed to contain saiga horn, researching and promoting appropriate substitutes for the saiga horn, and confining the prescription of medicines containing saiga horn to the most essential treatments.

14.95 Important consumer and trading States of saiga parts and derivatives should provide (Rev. information on their implementation of Decision 14.95 (Rev. CoP15) in their biennial reports for CoP15) the period 2009-2010.

Directed to Parties and others

14.96 Donor Parties, aid agencies, businesses using and producing saiga products, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are urged to assist all range States and consumer countries in any way possible with the conservation of the saiga antelope, particularly by focusing funding, resources and expertise on the measures specified in the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the saiga antelope (2007-2011)*, developed in support of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning 'Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica tatarica*)' and its *Saiga Action Plan*.

Directed to the Secretariat

14.97 The Secretariat shall:
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- CoP15) a) cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals on issues pertaining to the saiga antelope, including:
- i) the implementation of the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga antelope (2007-2011)*;
 - ii) the organization of the second meeting of the signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning 'Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica tatarica*)', scheduled to take place in 2010;
 - iii) facilitating collaboration between the range States of the saiga antelope and major consumer Parties; and
 - iv) securing support for implementing the Medium-Term International Work Programme *inter alia* by exploring possibilities to establish an enabling mechanism to use funds from the traditional Asian medicine industry for *in situ* conservation of the saiga antelope; and
- b) report on the implementation of Decisions 14.91 to 14.97 (Rev. CoP15), including a written summary of the information contained in biennial reports from relevant Parties, for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and recommend appropriate actions.