

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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**Committee I**

International expert workshop on non-detriment Findings

Report of the Animals and Plants Committees

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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**Regarding non-detriment findings**

***Directed to the Parties***

15.XX Parties:

- a) are encouraged to consider the outputs of the International Expert Workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (Cancun, November 2008) to enhance CITES Scientific Authorities' capacities, particularly those related to the methodologies, tools, information, expertise and other resources needed to formulate non-detriment findings;
- b) are encouraged, taking into account Res. Conf. 10.3, to prioritize activities such as workshops on capacity building to better understand what non-detriment findings are and how to enhance the ways to formulate them; and
- c) are encouraged to report their findings regarding a) and b) to the 25th and 26th AC and 19th and 20th PC meetings.

***Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees***

15.XX The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) review feedback received from Parties on the outputs from the international expert workshop on non-detriment findings and advise on a path forward on how best to use the outputs to assist Scientific Authorities in the making of non-detriment findings;
- b) prepare a discussion paper for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with options on how to use the workshop outputs, including, if considered appropriate, a draft resolution on the establishment of non legally binding guidelines for the making of, non-detriment findings; and
- c) review the non-detriment finding training materials used by the CITES Secretariat when conducting regional capacity-building workshops and provide advice for their improvement.

- d) Taking account of the results of the International Expert Workshop on Non-detriment Findings (Cancun, November 2008) and the responses to Notification to the Parties 2009/023 of 8 June 2009, the Animals and Plants Committees shall:
- i) establish the mechanism for reporting from the Parties on their findings in an open and inter-sessions process;
  - ii) prepare draft guidance on the making on non-detriment findings at their 25th and 19th and 26th and 20th meetings respectively;
  - iii) submit this draft guidance to the Secretariat to be conveyed to Parties for comment in a Notification to the Parties; and
  - iv) review comments received from Parties and prepare revised draft guidance as a tool for making non-detriment findings for submission at and consideration by the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

15.xx The Secretariat shall:

- a) include non-detriment findings as a principal component of their regional capacity-building workshops; and
- b) use the external funds offered from interested Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and other funding sources to translate the guidelines into Arabic, Chinese and Russian and to support activities for capacity building on non-detriment findings in regional workshops.