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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee II

Review of Decisions

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION CONF. 11.1 (REV. COP14)

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat following discussion of document CoP15 Doc. 19 Annex 1, at the fifth session of Committee II.

In Committee II, it was agreed to incorporate Decision 14.5 on *Review of the scientific committees* and Decisions 13.14 (Rev. CoP14) to 13.17 on *Improving regional communication and representation* into Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP14) on *Establishment of committees*.

The Secretariat was requested make a proposal to achieve this, which is as follows.

1. In the operative part, under *Regarding the establishment of committees*, under 'RESOLVES', insert:
 - l) the Secretariat shall ensure that any vacancies in the Animals and Plants Committees are brought immediately to the attention of the Standing Committee, in order to fill the vacancies as soon as possible;
2. At the end of the operative part, before the paragraph under 'REPEALS', insert:

Regarding regional communication and representation

The Secretariat shall:

 - a) publish on the CITES website forthcoming deadlines relevant to the work of the Animals and Plants Committees;
 - b) explore funding options to ensure that the regional representatives and the nomenclature specialists of the Animals and Plants Committees from developing countries and countries with economies in transition can attend the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and fully participate in the committee work; and
 - c) seek funding to support the holding of regional meetings in association with regional seminars or other related meetings organized by the Secretariat. The regional representatives should prepare the agenda and chair the meeting.
3. In Annex 2, *Establishment of the Animals and Plants Committees of the Conference of the Parties*, insert immediately before "DIRECTS the Secretariat":

URGES Parties and regions to utilize or develop long-term sustainable funding mechanisms to support their representatives in the Committees.