RESOLUTION CONF. 9.24 (REV. COP15)

CRITERIA FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

1.   This Resolution has been revised four times. During the second revision (at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Bangkok, 2004) in Annex 6, the final sentence became separated from the text to which it refers. It should be placed after the third sentence of the first paragraph.

<u>Recommendation</u>

2.   The Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties adopt the amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 6 on *Format for proposals to amend the Appendices*, as shown below. Only the first two paragraphs of that Annex appear below.

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NB: Text proposed to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~*. Proposed new text is* <u>underlined</u>*.*

Annex 6   Format for proposals to amend the Appendices

The following provides information and instructions for the submission of a proposal to amend the Appendices and the appropriate supporting statement. Proponents should be guided by the need to provide to the Conference of the Parties sufficient information, of sufficient quality and in sufficient detail, to allow it to judge the proposal against the criteria established for the proposed action. This means that the relevant published and unpublished sources of information should be used, although for some species the amount of scientific information will be limited. <u>Furthermore, this means that it may not be possible to address all elements of the proposal format.</u> Analogy with related taxonomic groups or species that are ecologically similar may be used to guide judgements. Where research has been undertaken specifically to obtain information for the proposal, it should be presented in sufficient detail to be assessed by the Parties.

Parties are reminded that proposals should normally be limited to 12 pages (exclusive of references cited). If the proposal is longer than 12 pages, the proponent should provide translations into the working languages of the Convention. ~~Furthermore, this means that it may not be possible to address all elements of the proposal format.~~