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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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UPDATED EU PROPOSAL ON "INTRODUCTION FROM THE SEA"
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This document has been submitted by Ireland, on behalf of the EU and its Member States and Croatia, in relation to agenda item 32 on *Introduction from the sea*.

The EU and its Member States presented a proposal on this item, which is reflected in the information document CoP16 Inf. 31.

Further to this, the EU and its Member States received comments on this proposal by a number of Parties. Consequently, the EU and its Member States decided to update this proposal through the introduction of a limited number of changes.

The EU and its Member States support the proposed text of CITES Resolution Conf.14.6 as drafted by the working group unchanged and without brackets. We also support that the draft Decisions ancillary to the draft Resolution are reinforced.

To this end, we would suggest some additions to the Decisions contained in Annex 3 of CoP 16 Doc. 32, as follows (the new text is in italics):

"Decision 16. AA directed to the Secretariat:

1. The Secretariat shall report at the 65th and 66th meetings of the Standing Committee on the implementation of the Convention by the Parties concerned in relation to the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP 16).

The report should focus in particular on the conditions under which non-detriment findings are made and permits and certificates are issued, as well as on the relationship between chartering States and States in which the vessel is registered, in performing those tasks. *It should especially assess the capacity of chartering States and the States in which the vessels are registered to control compliance with the provisions of the CITES Convention.*

In that regard, the report should pay special attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Resolution pertaining to the legality of the acquisition and landing of the specimens concerned.

The report shall also include any cases where Parties have been unable to take advantage of this provision, including in situations where at least one of the States involved is not Party to a relevant RFMO.

2. *Between now and CoP 17, the Secretariat shall further communicate with the Secretariat of the relevant RFMO/A and other relevant international organisations, in particular regarding the*

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implementation of the relevant obligations resulting from these RFMO/A or other international organisations, and share information provided with Parties on a timely basis.

Decision 16.BB directed to the Parties

Parties taking advantage of the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP 16) should provide in a timely manner all information that might be requested from them by the Secretariat in view of the establishment of its report on this issue at the 65th and 66th meetings of the Standing Committee.

Decision 16.CC directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee should assess the findings of the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Convention by the Parties concerned in relation to the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP 16). On the basis of this report and any other information available, the Standing Committee should provide an assessment on the implementation of this provision and, where relevant, propose amendments to this provision at CoP 17.

Decision 16.DD directed to the Parties

On the basis of the assessment of the Standing Committee and any other relevant information, the Parties shall review the provisions on chartering provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP 16) at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties".