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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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INFORMATION ON THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE
BY THE EUROPEAN UNION OR THE EU MEMBER STATES

1. This document has been submitted by the European Union and its Member States, in relation to the exercise of the right to vote on the different points on the agenda of CoP17 by the European Union or the EU Member States.
2. CoP 17 will be the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties after the entry into force of the Gaborone Amendment to Article XXI of the Convention in November 2013 and the subsequent accession of the European Union (EU) as the first regional economic integration organisation (REIO) in 2015.
3. In relation to the draft revised Rules of Procedure, Rule 26 (Right to vote), the EU and its Member States would like to inform all Parties that, should a matter on the agenda of the CITES CoP 17 be submitted to a vote, the right to vote by the EU or the EU Member States will be exercised in accordance with the Annex to this document. With the exception of budgetary matters, the EU and its Member States will cast their votes in accordance with positions agreed between them as has been the practice at previous COPs meetings.
4. Votes in application of current CITES COP Rules of Procedure 12 (Publicity of debates), 18 (Procedural motions) and 19 (Motions to open and reopen debates in plenary sessions) will be cast by the EU Member States.
5. The indications in the Annex may be subject to change in view of new circumstances or information. Any change will be communicated to Parties in advance of the vote.
6. This information on the exercise of the right to vote is provided by the EU and its Member States for practical purposes for CoP 17 and is without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the EU and its Member States in other international fora.

Agenda item		Voter
Opening ceremony		Not applicable (N/A)
Welcoming addresses		N/A
Administrative and financial matters		
1.	Election of Chair, Alternate Chair and Vice-Chairs of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II	Member States (MS)
2.	Adoption of the agenda	MS
3.	Adoption of the working programme	MS
4.	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure	MS
	4.1 Report of the Secretariat	
	4.2 Proposal of Botswana and South Africa	
	4.3 Proposal of Israel	
5.	Credentials Committee	N/A
	5.1 Establishment of the Credentials Committee	
	5.2 Report of the Credentials Committee	
6.	Admission of observers	MS
7.	Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties	
	7.1 Administration of the Secretariat	MS
	7.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative and other matters	N/A
	7.3 Financial reports for 2014-2016	N/A
	Annex 1: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2014	
	Annex 2: CITES Trust Fund – status of contributions as of 31 December 2014	
	Annex 3: CITES External Trust Fund – status of contributions as of 31 December 2014	
	Annex 4: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2015	
	Annex 5: CITES Trust Fund – status of contributions as of 31 December 2015	
	Annex 6: CITES Trust Fund – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 31 December 2015	
	Annex 7: CITES External Trust Fund – status of contributions as of 31 December 2015	
	Annex 8: Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserve and fund balance for the period 2014-2015	

		Annex 9: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2016	
		Annex 10: CITES Trust Fund – status of contributions	
		Annex 11: CITES Trust Fund – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions	
		Annex 12: CITES External Trust Fund – status of contributions	
	7.4	Budget and work programme for 2017 to 2019	MS
		Annex 1: Secretariat tasks under Resolution and Decisions – CoP16-CoP17	
		Annex 2: Budget scenario – zero real growth	
		Annex 3: Budget scenario – zero nominal growth	
		Annex 4: Budget scenario – incremental growth	
		Annex 5: Draft Resolution on Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2017-2019	
	7.5	Access to finance, including GEF funding	MS
8.		Sponsored delegates project	MS
Strategic matters			
9.		Revision of the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020	MS
10.		Committee reports and recommendations	MS
	10.1	Standing Committee	
		10.1.1 Report of the Chair	
		10.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members	
	10.2	Animals Committee	
		10.2.1 Report of the Chair	
		10.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members	
	10.3	Plants Committee	
		10.3.1 Report of the Chair	
		10.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members	
11.		Rules of Procedure for the CITES bodies	MS
12.		Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees	MS
13.		Establishment of the rural communities committee of the Conference of the Parties	MS
14.		Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements	
	14.1	Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions	MS
	14.2	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime	MS
	14.3	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	MS

	14.4	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	MS
	14.5	Cooperation with other organizations	MS
15.	Capacity building		MS
16.	CITES and livelihoods		MS
17.	Livelihoods and food security		MS
18.	Demand reduction		MS
	18.1	Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species	
	18.2	Development of CITES demand-reduction guidelines	
19.	United Nations World Wildlife Day		MS
20.	Empowering the next generation: CITES and Youth Engagement –Report of the Youth Forum on People and Wildlife		MS
Interpretation and implementation matters			
<u>Existing Resolutions and Decisions</u>			
21.	Review of Resolutions and Decisions		MS
<u>General compliance and enforcement</u>			
22.	National laws for implementation of the Convention		MS
23.	CITES compliance matters		MS
24.	National ivory action plans process		MS
25.	Enforcement matters		MS
26.	Illegal international trade in wildlife		MS
27.	Actions to combat wildlife trafficking		European Union (EU)
28.	Prohibiting, preventing and countering corruption facilitating activities conducted in violation of the Convention		MS
29.	Combating wildlife cybercrime		MS
30.	Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa		MS

31.	Implementation and enforcement of the Convention as it relates to the trade in species listed in Appendix I	MS
32.	Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens	MS
33.	Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade	MS
34.	Disposal of illegally-traded and confiscated specimens of Appendix-I, -II and -III species	MS

<u>Reporting</u>		
35.	Review of reporting requirements	MS
	35.1 Report of the Standing Committee	
	35.2 Report of the Secretariat	
<u>Trade control and traceability</u>		
36.	Introduction from the sea	EU
37.	Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates	EU
38.	Identification of elephant and mammoth ivory in trade	MS
39.	Hunting trophies	EU
	39.1 Hunting trophies of species listed in Appendix I or II	
	39.2 Trade in hunting trophies of species listed on Appendix II	
40.	International trade in live Appendix-II animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations	EU
41.	Identification of origin of cetaceans bred or kept in captivity	MS
42.	Draft revision of Resolution Conf. 16.8 on <i>Frequent cross-border non-commercial movements of musical instruments</i>	EU
43.	Review of the definition of 'artificially propagated' for plants	EU
44.	Electronic systems and information technologies	MS
45.	Traceability	MS
46.	Pilot testing of a global traceability information system for reptile skins	MS

47.	Stocks and stockpiles of specimens of CITES-listed species		MS
48.	Identification of specimens in trade		MS
	48.1	Timber identification	
	48.2	Identification Manual	
<u>Species specific matters</u>			
49.	Illegal trade in cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>)		MS
50.	Sturgeons and paddlefish (<i>Acipenseriformes</i> spp.)		MS
51.	Conservation of and trade in <i>Anguilla</i> spp		MS
52.	Review of precious corals in international trade [Order Antipatharia/family Coralliidae]		MS
53.	Agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.)		MS
	53.1	Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa	
	53.2	Sustainable production of agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.)	
54.	Humphead wrasse (<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>)		MS
55.	Ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.)		MS
	55.1	Action plan for <i>Diospyros</i> spp. and <i>Dalbergia</i> spp.: report from Madagascar	
	55.2	Implementation of the Convention for trade in Malagasy ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.)	
56.	Sharks and rays (<i>Elasmobranchii</i> spp.)		MS
	56.1	Report from the Secretariat	
	56.2	Report from the Animals Committee	

57.	Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)		
	57.1	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	MS
	57.2	Closure of domestic markets for elephant ivory	EU
	57.3	Ivory stockpiles: proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	MS
	57.4	Trade in live elephants: Proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	EU
	57.5	Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)	N/A
	57.6	Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)	N/A
58.	International trade in <i>Encephalartos</i> spp		MS
59.	Hawksbill turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>)		MS
60.	Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)		MS
	60.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	60.2	Proposal of India	
61.	Great apes (Hominidae spp.)		MS
62.	International trade in rosewood timber species [LEGUMINOSAE (Fabaceae)]		MS
63.	Guidelines to determine the possible impact of trade in lycaons (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) on the conservation of the species		MS
64.	Pangolins (<i>Manis</i> spp.)		MS
65.	Conservation of and trade in East African sandalwood (<i>Osyris lanceolata</i>)		MS
66.	Tibetan antelope (<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>): enforcement measures		MS
67.	Harvesting of and trade in African cherry (<i>Prunus africana</i>)		MS
68.	Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)		MS
69.	Illegal trade in the helmeted hornbill (<i>Rhinoplax vigil</i>)		MS

70.	Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga tatarica</i>)		MS
71.	Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.)		MS
72.	Regional cooperation on the management of and trade in the queen conch (<i>Strombus gigas</i>)		EU
73.	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)		MS
74.	Totoaba - <i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i> – Opportunities for international collaboration within the CITES framework		EU
75.	Bushmeat		MS
	75.1	Review of Resolution Conf. 13.11 on <i>Bushmeat</i>	
	75.2	Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group	
76.	Neotropical tree species		MS
77.	International trade in African tree species		MS
78.	Sharing existing written science-based rationales and scientific information for non-detriment findings made for trade in CITES-listed species		MS
79.	Implementation of the <i>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020</i>		MS
80.	CITES Appendix III - an added-value for the conservation of threatened wildlife with restricted distribution		MS
<u>Maintenance of the Appendices</u>			
81.	Standard nomenclature		EU
	81.1	Standard nomenclature: Report of the Animals and Plants Committees	
	81.2	Standard nomenclature for <i>Hippocampus</i> spp	
82.	Periodic review of the Appendices		EU
	82.1	Revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II</i>	
	82.2	Review of the Appendices: Felidae spp	

83.	Annotations		EU
	83.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	83.2	Annotations for species listed in the CITES Appendices: Report of the working group	
	83.3	Annotations for Appendix II orchids	
84.	Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory		MS
	84.1	Report of the Standing Committee	
	84.2	Proposal of Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger and Senegal	
	84.3	Proposal of Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe	
85.	Extinct or possibly extinct species		EU
86.	Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on <i>Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II</i>		MS
87.	Freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae spp.)		EU
Amendment of the Appendices			
88.	Proposals to amend Appendices I and II		EU
	88.1	List of the sixty-three proposals received to amend Appendices I and II	
	88.2	Comments from the Parties and comments and recommendations from the Secretariat	
	88.3	Comments from statutory consultees	
Conclusion of the meeting			
89.	Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties		MS
90.	Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary General, Host Government)		N/A