

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



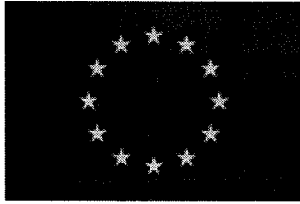
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PARTICIPATION OF THE EU AND ITS MEMBER STATES IN COP17

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**Subject: Participation of the EU and its Member States in CoP 17**

Dear Mr Scanlon,

The 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the CITES is approaching fast. The EU and its Member States are strongly committed to making it a success and a milestone in the global fight against wildlife trafficking and for the sustainable management of international trade in endangered species.

We would like to inform the Secretariat of the Convention that the EU and its 28 EU Member States are finalising their procedures for accreditation in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties. All EU Member States and the EU have confirmed that they will be duly accredited at the meeting.

We would be happy for you to share this information with Parties.

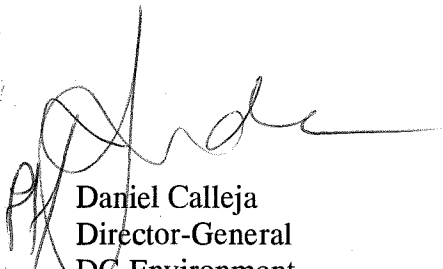
We are also available to answer at any time any remaining questions that other Parties may have with regard to the implications of the EU's role as a Party to the Convention.

We look forward to seeing you in Johannesburg in September.

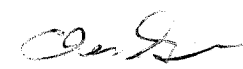
Yours sincerely,

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