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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Chairs: M. Nkoana-Mashabane (South Africa)
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Committee I Chair: K. Gaynor (Ireland)

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Administrative and financial matters

7. Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties

7.1 Administration of the Secretariat

Document CoP17 Doc. 7.1 was noted as agreed by Committee II.

7.2 Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative and other matters

Document CoP17 Doc. 7.2 (Rev. 1) was noted as agreed by Committee II.

7.3 Financial reports for 2014-2016

Document CoP17 Doc. 7.3 was noted as agreed by Committee II.

7.4 Budget and work programme for the period 2017 to 2019

The draft resolution in document CoP17 Com. II. 34 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II Rec. 13, which had been accepted by Committee II, was adopted.

7.5 Access to finance, including GEF funding

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 33, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

8. Sponsored delegates project

The draft resolution in document CoP17 Com. II. 1, and the draft decision in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 8 (Rev. 1), which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

Strategic matters

9. Revision of the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Doc. 9 Annex 1, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

10. Committee reports and recommendations

10.1 Standing Committee

10.1.1 Report of the Chair

The draft amendment to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) on *Permits and certificates* in paragraph 12 of document CoP17 Doc. 10.1.1 (Rev. 1), which had been accepted by Committee II, was adopted. Decisions 14.29 (Rev. CoP16) and 16.62 were deleted.

11. Rules of Procedure for the CITES bodies

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 3, one of which (17.H) had arisen from the discussion of document CoP17 Doc. 10.2.1, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

12. Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees

The proposed amendments to Decisions 16.9 and 16.10 in document CoP17 Com. II. 8, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

13. Establishment of the rural communities committee of the Conference of the Parties

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 7, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

14. Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements

14.1 Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 21, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

15. Capacity building

Draft decision 17.BB in Annex 1 of document CoP17 Doc. 15 was considered under item 48.2.

The remaining draft decisions in Annex 1 of document CoP17 Doc. 15, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 11, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.28 - 16.31 and Decision 12.91 (Rev. CoP16) were deleted.

16. CITES and livelihoods

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 5 (Rev. 1), and the draft revision of Resolution Conf. 16.6 on *CITES and livelihoods* in CoP17 Com. II. 4, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

17. Livelihoods and food security

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 22 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 13 (Rev. 1), which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

18. Demand reduction

18.1 Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species

The draft resolution in document CoP17 Com. II. 16, which had been accepted by Committee II, was adopted.

18.2 Development of CITES demand-reduction guidelines

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 11, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

20. Empowering the next generation: CITES and Youth Engagement – Report of the Youth Forum on People and Wildlife

The draft resolution in document CoP17 Plen. 1 was presented by the United States of America and South Africa as co-proponents. The United States proposed the correction of a misspelling in the word 'Parties' in the title of the document. Document CoP17 Plen. 1, as amended by the United States, was adopted.

Interpretation and implementation matters

Existing Resolutions and Decisions

21. Review of Resolutions and Decisions

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.6 (Rev. CoP16) on *Conservation and management of sharks*, Resolution Conf. 12.4 on *Cooperation between CITES and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources regarding trade in toothfish* and Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP16) *Submission of draft resolutions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties* in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 5 (Rev. 1), and the proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP16) in document CoP17 Com. II. 20, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

The deletion or retention of number of Decisions as recorded in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 5, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 40, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

Decisions 12.91, 13.136 - 138, 16.28 – 31, 16.78 a), 16.79, 16.80 and 16.93 were deleted.

General compliance and enforcement

22. National laws for implementation of the Convention

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 2, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.33 to 16.38 were deleted.

23. CITES compliance matters

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 13, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

24. National ivory action plans process

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 17, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II Rec. 11, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

25. Enforcement matters

and

26. Illegal international trade in wildlife

Agenda items 25 and 26 were considered together. The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP16) on *Compliance and enforcement* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 25, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 13, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

27. Actions to combat wildlife trafficking

The draft decisions in Annex 2 of document CoP17 Doc. 27, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 3 (Rev. 1), which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. The remaining parts of document CoP17 Doc. 27 were considered together with agenda item 57.

28. Prohibiting, preventing and countering corruption facilitating activities conducted in violation of the Convention

The draft resolution in document CoP17 Com. II. 26, which had been accepted by Committee II, was adopted.

29. Combating wildlife cybercrime

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II 36, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

30. Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 24, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

31. Implementation and enforcement of the Convention as it relates to the trade in species listed in Appendix I

The proposed amendments to Resolutions Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of significant trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* and Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP16) on *Compliance and enforcement* in document CoP17 Doc. 31, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decision 16.39 was deleted.

32. Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 18, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 15.52, 15.53 and 16.63 – 16.66 were deleted.

33. Evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 31, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decision 13.67 (Rev. CoP13) was agreed by Committee I to be deleted, which was adopted.

34. Disposal of illegally-traded and confiscated specimens of Appendix-I, -II and -III species

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 12, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

Reporting

35. Review of reporting requirements

35.1 Report of the Standing Committee

The draft decisions and proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 8.13 (Rev.) on *Use of coded-microchip implants for marking live animals in trade*, Resolution Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope*, Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15) on *Regulation of trade in plants*, Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16) on *Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish*, Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16) on *National reports* and Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16) on *Establishment of committees* in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 10, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 14.40 (Rev. CoP16), 14.41 (Rev. CoP16), 16.43, 16.44, 16.45 and 16.47 were deleted.

35.2 Report of the Secretariat

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Doc. 35.2, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 10, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 14.39 (Rev. CoP16) and 16.46 were deleted.

Trade control and traceability

36. Introduction from the sea

The proposed amendments to Decisions 16.48 to 16.51 and the draft decision in document CoP17 Com. II. 37, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 11, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decision 16.52 was deleted.

37. Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates

The proposed amendments to Decision 14.54 (Rev. CoP16) in the Annex to document CoP17 Doc. 37, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

38. Identification of elephant and mammoth ivory in trade

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 38, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

39. Hunting trophies

39.1 Hunting trophies of species listed in Appendix I or II

and

39.2 Trade in hunting trophies of species listed on Appendix II

Agenda items 39.1 and 39.2 were considered together. The draft decisions and proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP16) on *Control of trade in personal and household effects* in document CoP17 Com. I. 3, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. The Chair of Committee I noted that the draft resolution in document CoP17 Com. I. 3, which had been accepted by Committee I, included an error in that the first paragraph should have been deleted. With this amendment, the draft resolution in document CoP17 Com. I. 3 was adopted.

40. International trade in live Appendix-II animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations

Agenda item 40 was considered with agenda item 57.4.

41. Identification of origin of cetaceans bred or kept in captivity

The draft decisions in Document CoP17 Com. II. 35, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II Rec. 13, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

42. Draft revision of Resolution Conf. 16.8 on *Frequent cross-border non-commercial movements of musical instruments*

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.8 on *Frequent cross-border non-commercial movements of musical instruments* in document CoP17 Com. II. 27, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

43. Review of the definition of 'artificially propagated' for plants

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 28, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

44. Electronic systems and information technologies

The draft decisions in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 10, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.54, 16.56 and 16.57 were deleted.

45. Traceability

and

46. Pilot testing of a global traceability information system for reptile skins

Agenda items 45 and 46 were considered together. The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 29, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 13, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

47. Stocks and stockpiles of specimens of CITES-listed species

The draft decision in document CoP17 Doc. 47, which had been accepted by Committee II, was adopted.

48. Identification of specimens in trade

48.1 Timber identification

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Doc. 48.1, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 12, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

48.2 Identification Manual

The draft decisions in summary record CoP17 Com. II Rec. 11, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.59, 16.60 and 16.61 were deleted.

Species specific matters

49. Illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*)

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 9, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

50. Sturgeons and paddlefish (*Acipenseriformes* spp.)

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16) on *Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 32 (Rev. 1) and the retention of Decisions 16.136-138, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

51. Conservation of and trade in *Anguilla* spp.

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 10, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

52. Review of precious corals in international trade [Order Antipatharia/family Coralliidae]

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 11, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

53. Agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.)

53.1 Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa

and

53.2 Sustainable production of agarwood-producing taxa (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.)

Agenda items 53.1 and 53.2 were considered together. The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 21, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decisions 15.95 (Rev. CoP16) and 16.155 - 16.158 were deleted.

54. Humphead wrasse (*Cheilinus undulatus*)

The proposed amendments to Decisions 15.87, 16.139 and 16.140, and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 12, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

55. Ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

55.1 Action plan for *Diospyros* spp. and *Dalbergia* spp.: report from Madagascar

and

55.2 Implementation of the Convention for trade in Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)

Agenda items 55.1 and 55.2 were considered together. The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 9, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. I. Rec. 11, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decision 16.152 was deleted.

56. Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.)

56.1 Report of the Secretariat

and

56.2 Report of the Animals Committee

Items 56.1 and 56.2 were considered together. The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 13, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decisions 16.128 and 16.129 were deleted.

57. Elephants

57.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens*

57.2 Closure of domestic markets for elephant ivory

and

57.3 Ivory stockpiles: proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens*

Items 57.1, 57.2, 57.3 and the remaining parts of item 27 were considered together. The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 6, as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 11, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 14.78 (Rev. CoP16), 16.78 and 16.81 – 16.83 were deleted.

57.4 Trade in live elephants: Proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens*

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.20 on *Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable'* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 30 (Rev. 1), as amended in summary record CoP17 Com. II Rec. 13, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

57.5 Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)

Document CoP17 Doc. 57.5 was noted as agreed by Committee II.

57.6 Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)

Document CoP17 Doc. 57.6 was noted as agreed by Committee II.

58. International trade in *Encephalartos* spp.

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 23, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

59. Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 14, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decision 16.127 was deleted.

60. Asian big cats (Felidae spp.)

60.1 Report of the Standing Committee

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 10, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.68 to 16.70 were deleted.

60.2 Proposal of India

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 31, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted.

61. Great apes (Hominidae spp.)

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 26, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decision 16.67 was deleted.

62. International trade in rosewood timber species [LEGUMINOSAE (Fabaceae)]

The draft decision in document CoP17 Com. I. 23, which had been accepted by Committee I, was adopted.

63. Guidelines to determine the possible impact of trade in lycaons (*Lycaon pictus*) on the conservation of the species

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 28, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

64. Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 19, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.41 and 16.42 were deleted.

65. Conservation of and trade in East African sandalwood (*Osyris lanceolata*)

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 8, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decisions 16.153 and 16.154 were deleted.

66. Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*): enforcement measures

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 42, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decision 16.94 was deleted.

67. Harvesting of and trade in African cherry (*Prunus africana*)

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 22, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

68. Rhinoceroses (*Rhinocerotidae* spp.)

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP15) on *Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses* and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 14, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.84 - 16.92 were deleted.

69. Illegal trade in the helmeted hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*)

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 6, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

70. Saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.)

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 27, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decisions 14.91 (Rev. CoP16), 14.93 (Rev. CoP16) and 16.95 to 16.101 were deleted.

71. Snake trade and conservation management (*Serpentes* spp.)

The draft resolution and draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 1, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decisions 16.102 to 16.108 were deleted.

72. Regional cooperation on the management of and trade in the queen conch (*Strombus gigas*)

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 15, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decisions 16.141 - 16.148 had been agreed by Committee I to be deleted, which was adopted.

73. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (*Testudines* spp.)

The draft decisions in Annex 5 to document CoP17 Doc. 73 and the draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. II. 15, which had been accepted by Committee II, were adopted. Decisions 16.109 - 16.124 had been agreed by Committee II to be deleted, which was adopted.

74. Totoaba - *Totoaba macdonaldi* – Opportunities for international collaboration within the CITES framework

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 2 (Rev. 1), which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

75. Bushmeat

75.1 Review of Resolution Conf. 13.11 on Bushmeat

The proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.11 on *Bushmeat* and draft decision in document CoP17 Com. I. 17, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decision 16.149 was deleted.

75.2 Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group

The draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 5, which had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted. Decisions 14.73 and 14.74 (Rev. CoP16) were deleted.

76. Neotropical tree species

The draft decision and revision of Decision 16.159 contained in document CoP17 Doc. 76 had been accepted in Committee I were adopted. Decision 15.93 (Rev. CoP16) was deleted.

77. International trade in African tree species

A draft decision in document CoP17 Com. I. 20 (Rev. 1) had been accepted by Committee I and was adopted.

78. Sharing existing written science-based rationales and scientific information for non-detriment findings made for trade in CITES-listed species

The draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 16.7 on *Non-detriment findings* in document CoP17 Doc. 78, as amended in document CoP17 Com. I. Rec.5, had been accepted by Committee I, and were adopted.

79. Implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020

The draft decisions contained in document CoP17 Com. I. 30, had been accepted by Committee I, and were adopted.

80. CITES Appendix III - an added-value for the conservation of threatened wildlife with restricted distribution

The draft decisions contained in document CoP17 Com. I 4 (Rev. 1), that had been accepted by Committee I, were adopted.

81. Standard nomenclature

81.1 Standard nomenclature: Report of the Animals and Plants Committees

The revisions to the presentation of nomenclature references within Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16), as well as the proposed changes to nomenclature references found in Annex 1 and 2 in document CoP17 Doc. 81.1, and seven draft decisions contained in document CoP17 Com. I. 24 (Rev. 1), had been accepted by Committee I, and were adopted.

The Committee agreed that the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16) on *Standard nomenclature* be amended to reflect the fact that the taxonomic reference for *Puma concolor* would henceforth be Wilson and Reeder (2005).

The draft decisions concerning the CITES Cactaceae checklist (3rd edition), contained in document CoP17 Com. I 18, with a minor amendment detailed in document CoP17 Com. I. Rec.11, had been accepted by Committee I, and were adopted.

81.2 Standard nomenclature for *Hippocampus* spp.

The draft taxonomic changes concerning *Hippocampus* spp. that were proposed in document CoP17 Doc. 81.2 (Rev. 1) and had been accepted by Committee I were adopted.

82. Periodic review of the Appendices

82.1 Revision of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) on *Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II*

A revision to Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) on *Periodic review of species included in Appendices I and II* in document CoP17 Com. I. 25, had been accepted by Committee I, and was adopted.

82.2 Review of the Appendices: Felidae spp.

Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP16) was deleted.

83. Annotations

83.1 Report of the Standing Committee

and

83.2 Annotations for species listed in the CITES Appendices: Report of the working group

These agenda items were considered together. Amendments to Resolution Conf. 5.20 (Rev. CoP16) on *Guidelines for the Secretariat when making recommendations in accordance with Article XV*, Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) on *Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II*, Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP16) on *Inclusion of species in Appendix III* and Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP16) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II* and amendments to Decisions 16.162 and 16.163 in document CoP17 Com II.39 had been accepted by Committee II, and were adopted.

Decisions 14.148 and 16.151 were deleted.

83.3 Annotations for Appendix II orchids

Two draft decisions, with amendments by the Secretariat as described in document CoP17 Doc. 83.3, had been accepted by Committee II and were adopted.

84. Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory

The Chair of Committee II noted that he would introduce the documents in the order they were discussed in Committee II:

84.2 Proposal of Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger and Senegal

The recommendation in paragraph 15 of document CoP17 Doc. 84.2, after a vote with 44 in favour, 45 against and 11 abstentions, had not been accepted in Committee II, and was rejected.

84.3 Proposal of Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe

The recommendation in paragraph 23 of document CoP17 Doc. 84.3, after a vote by secret ballot with 21 in favour, 76 against and 13 abstentions, had not been accepted in Committee II, and was rejected.

84.1 Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory: Report of the Standing Committee

The recommendation in paragraph 8 of document CoP17 Doc. 84.1 had not been accepted in Committee II after a vote with 20 in favour, 76 against and 13 abstentions and was rejected.

85. Extinct or possibly extinct species

The revision of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) on *Criteria for amendment of Appendix I and II* in document CoP17 Com. I. 19 had been accepted by Committee I and was adopted. Decisions 16.164 and 16.165 were deleted.

86. Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II

Amendments to Decision 16.160 detailed in summary record CoP17 Com. II. Rec. 4 (Rev. 1) had been accepted in Committee II and was adopted.

87. Freshwater stingrays (Potamotrygonidae spp.)

Four draft decisions contained in document CoP17 Com. I. 16 that had been accepted by Committee I were adopted. Decisions 16.130 to 16.135 were deleted.

10. Committee reports and recommendations

10.1 Standing Committee

10.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members

Australia, Botswana, Canada, Colombia, Kuwait and Norway as regional representatives of the Standing Committee, reported that the Parties indicated below were the newly elected regional and alternate regional representatives to serve on the Standing Committee:

Region	Regional Representative	Alternate
Africa	Congo Ethiopia Namibia Niger [existing representative]	Chad Kenya Madagascar Morocco
Asia	China Kuwait Indonesia [existing representative]	Japan Republic of Korea Nepal
Central and South America and the Caribbean	Bahamas Peru	Dominican Republic Brazil
Europe	Hungary [existing representative] Israel Portugal [existing representative] Russian Federation	Albania Belgium [existing alternate] Georgia Poland [existing alternate]
North America	Canada	Mexico
Oceania	New Zealand	Australia

Norway explained that the European region had agreed that Albania would only serve as an alternate for Israel for one intersessional period.

These nominations were confirmed.

10.2 Animals Committee

10.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members

Australia, Botswana, Canada, Colombia, Kuwait and Norway as regional representatives of the Standing Committee, reported that the Parties indicated below were the newly elected regional and alternate regional representatives to serve on the Animals Committee:

Region	Regional Representative	Alternate
Africa	Mr. Guy Appolinaire Mensah from Benin Mr. Pantaleon Mukasa Kasoma from Uganda	Mr. Moustafa Fouda from Egypt [existing alternate] Ms. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka from Uganda [existing alternate]
Asia	Mr. Giyanto from Indonesia	Mr. Asghar Mobaraki from Iran
Central and South America and the Caribbean	No changes	No changes
Europe	Mr. Vincent Fleming from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
North America	Ms. Rosemarie Gnam from the United States of America	Ms. Carolina Caceres from Canada
Oceania	Mr. Hugh Robertson from New Zealand	Mr. Troy Makan from New Zealand

These nominations were confirmed. The replacement of Ms. Ute Grimm by Mr. Peter Paul van Dijk (Netherlands) as the specialist on zoological nomenclature was confirmed.

10.3 Plants Committee

10.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members

Australia, Botswana, Canada, Colombia, Kuwait and Norway as regional representatives of the Standing Committee, reported that the Parties indicated below were the newly elected regional and alternate regional representatives to serve on the Plants Committee:

Region	Regional Representative	Alternate
Africa	Mr. Ali Mahamane from Niger Ms. Aurelie Flore Koumba Pambo from Gabon	Ms Kirsti Nghidinwa from Namibia Ms Beatrice Nangami Khayota from Kenya
Asia	Mr. Byoung Yoon Lee from the Republic of Korea	Ms. Shereefa Al-Salem from Kuwait
Central and South America and the Caribbean	Mr. César Augusto Beltetón Chacón from Guatemala	Ms. Delhy Basilia Albert Puentes from Cuba
Europe	Mr. Maurizio Sajeva from Italy [existing representative] Mr. Paulo Jose Da Luz Carmo from Portugal	Ms. Ursula Moser from Switzerland Mr. David Kikodze [from Georgia]
North America	Ms. Adrienne Sinclair from Canada	Ms. Maria Isabel Camarena Osorno from Mexico
Oceania	Mr. Greg Leach from Australia	Mr. Marika Vuli Tuiwawa from Fiji

These nominations were confirmed.

Antigua and Barbuda considered that the representation within the CITES Committee appeared to be disproportionately balanced in favour of developed countries. The Secretariat stated that the global distribution of representation within the CITES regions was decided by the Conference of the Parties as presented in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16) on *Establishment of committees*. The Chair, noting the intervention of Antigua and Barbuda, suggested this issue could be addressed intersessionally.

88. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

Having been accepted by consensus by Committee I, the following proposals were adopted: CoP17 Prop. 1, Prop. 5, Prop. 6, Prop. 9, Prop. 10, Prop. 12 and Prop. 13.

The Chair of Committee I explained that proposal CoP17 Prop. 2 had been accepted by the Committee in an amended form with the removal of the zero quota annotation for wild-taken *Capra caucasica caucasica*. This was adopted.

The Chair of Committee I explained that proposal CoP17 Prop. 3 had been accepted by the Committee in an amended form with an amendment to the CITES Appendices that referred to annotations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the populations of *Vicugna vicugna* in Appendix II. This had been accepted on the understanding that the English and French versions would be accurately aligned with the original Spanish text. The text of the annotation is found in document CoP17 Com. I.7 (Rev.1). This was adopted.

The Chair of Committee I explained that proposal CoP17 Prop. 4 had been accepted by the Committee in an amended form, along with six decisions, contained in document CoP17 Com. I 29. This was adopted.

The Chair of Committee I explained that proposal CoP17 Prop. 11 had been accepted by that Committee following a vote. Proposal CoP17 Prop. 11 was adopted.

The Chair of Committee I informed the Parties that CoP17 Prop. 8 had been withdrawn. This information was noted.

The Chair of Committee I stated that Proposals CoP17 Prop. 7, Prop. 14, Prop. 15 and Prop. 16 had been rejected by the Committee by vote and these proposals were rejected.

The meeting adjourned at 11h35.