

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

Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Johannesburg (South Africa), 24 September – 5 October 2016

Summary record of the fifth plenary session

4 October 2016: 14h00 - 18h16

Chairs: M. Nkoana-Mashabane (South Africa)

Committee I Chair: K. Gaynor (Ireland)

Committee II Chair: J. Barzdo (Switzerland)

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88. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

The Chair of Committee I reported that proposal CoP17 Prop. 17 to transfer Peregrine falcon *Falco peregrinus* from Appendix I to Appendix II had been rejected after a vote. Kuwait, supported by Qatar, asked to open debate on this issue, while Costa Rica, supported by the Islamic Republic of Iran, opposed this motion. Following a vote with 27 in favour, 84 against and 11 abstentions, the motion did not receive the required support and was rejected. Proposal CoP17 Prop. 17 was rejected.

The Chair of Committee I reported that proposal CoP17 Prop. 19 to transfer African grey parrot *Psittacus erithacus* from Appendix II to Appendix I had been accepted after a secret ballot. Qatar, supported by the Philippines, asked to open debate on this, while Uganda, supported by Gabon, opposed this motion. The Democratic Republic of the Congo requested that the vote to decide the matter be by secret ballot and a sufficient number of Parties supported this request. Following the ballot with 28 votes in favour, 104 against and three abstentions, the motion to open debate was rejected. Proposal CoP17 Prop. 19 was adopted. Qatar stated they had reservations about the adoption of Proposal CoP17 Prop. 19 and wanted this noted in the record of the session.

Having been accepted by consensus in Committee I, the following proposals were adopted: CoP17 Prop. 18, Prop. 20, Prop. 21, Prop. 22, Prop. 24, Prop. 27, Prop. 29, Prop. 30, Prop. 31, Prop. 33, Prop. 34, Prop. 35, Prop. 36, Prop. 37, Prop. 38, Prop. 39, Prop. 40, Prop. 41, Prop. 49, Prop. 51, Prop. 52, Prop. 53, Prop. 57, Prop. 58, Prop. 60, Prop. 61 and Prop. 62.

The Conference of the Parties noted that proposals CoP17 Prop. 23, Prop. 28, Prop. 45, Prop. 46 and Prop. 59 had been withdrawn. The Chair of Committee I explained that five draft decisions in document CoP17 Com. I. 32 had been accepted by Committee I as an alternative to acceptance of proposal CoP17 Prop. 46 and these were adopted.

The Chair of Committee I informed the meeting that proposals CoP17 Prop. 25, Prop. 26, Prop. 32, Prop. 54, Prop. 55 and Prop. 56 had all been accepted by Committee I after having been amended. The amendment to Proposal CoP17 Prop. 25 was to delete “b) 0 (zero) export quota for specimens bred in non-range countries of the species” from the annotation. The amendment to CoP17 Prop. 26 was to reduce the proposal’s scope by deleting “*Abronia anzuetoj*, *A. campbelli*, *A. fimbriata*, *A. frosti*, *A. meledona*, *A. aurita*, *A. gaiophasma*, *A. montecristoi*, *A. salvadorensis*, *A. vasconcelosii*”, as noted in document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 11. The amendment to CoP17 Prop. 32 was to include Lanthanotidae spp. in Appendix II with a zero export quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes, as noted in document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 12. The amendment to CoP17 Prop. 54 was to include annotation #6, and the amendment to CoP17 Prop. 55 and Prop. 56 was to include a new annotation proposed by Guatemala, amended by Mexico, the text of which can be found in document CoP17 Com. I. Rec. 8 (Rev. 1). These proposals, as amended, were adopted. The United States of America stated that they understood that “exports” in sub-paragraph b) of the annotation related to Prop. 55 referred to initial exports and any subsequent qualifying re-exports, adding that they wished this to be noted in the record of the session. Brazil and Guatemala confirmed that they had intended that the term “exports” should have that meaning.

The Chair of Committee I reported that proposals CoP17 Prop. 47, Prop. 48 and Prop. 50 had been accepted by the Committee following votes. Proposals CoP17 Prop. 47, Prop. 48 and Prop. 50 were adopted. The Chair of Committee I further reported that proposals CoP17 Prop. 42 to include Silky shark *Carcharinus falciiformis* in Appendix II and Prop. 43 to include the genus *Alopias* spp. in Appendix II had been accepted with amendments to delay implementation by 12 months, following secret ballots. She additionally explained that proposal CoP17 Prop. 44 to include the genus *Mobula* spp. in Appendix II had been accepted with an amendment to delay implementation by six months, following a secret ballot. Proposals CoP17 Prop. 42, Prop. 43 and Prop. 44 were adopted, as amended.

## **Conclusion of the meeting**

### **78. Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

Sri Lanka offered to host the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The offer was accepted by acclamation.

### **79. Closing remarks**

After closing remarks made by representatives of non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, and Parties, all expressing their appreciation for the Host Country, the Chairs of the Committees, the Secretariat, interpreters, translators and rapporteurs, and all others who had worked hard to make the meeting such a success, Minister Nkoana-Mashabane declared the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties closed.