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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Strategic matters

Committee reports and recommendations

Standing Committee

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

1. This document has been submitted by the Chair of the Standing Committee.*

Background

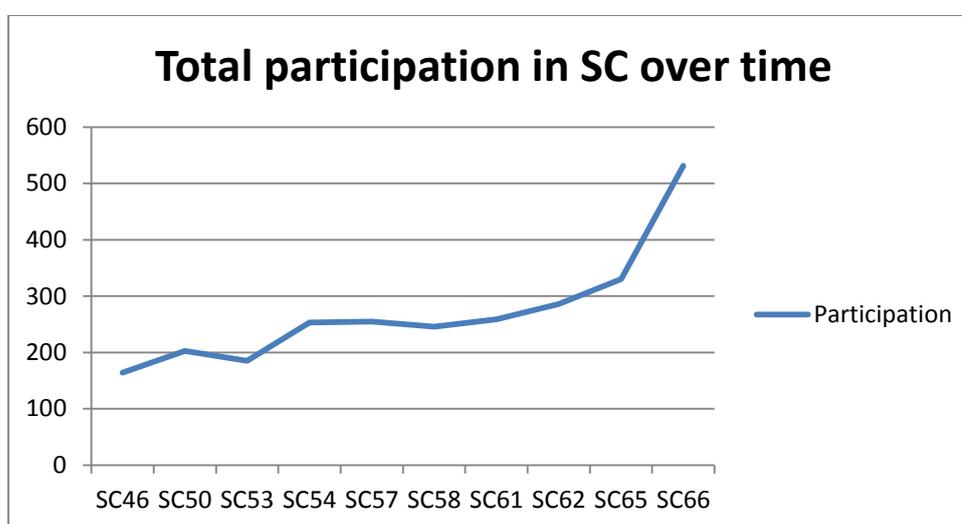
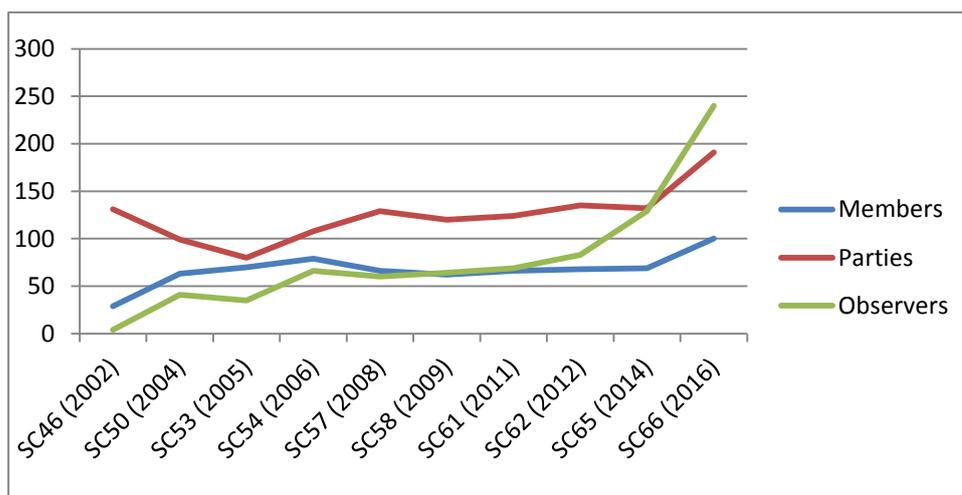
2. Norway was elected as Chair by the members of the Standing Committee at its 60th meeting (Doha, March 2010), following the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Doha, 2010). The United States of America was at the same meeting elected to serve as Vice-Chair and Kuwait as Alternate Vice-Chair. These Parties continued to fill the posts concerned during the intersessional period between the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013) and the present meeting.

Work undertaken between CoP16 and CoP17

3. The Committee has held three meetings since CoP16: the 64th meeting (SC64) was held in March 2013 in Bangkok, immediately after CoP16. The 65th (SC65) and 66th (SC66) meetings were held in Geneva, Switzerland in July 2014 and SC66 in January 2016 respectively. The 67th meeting (SC67) is scheduled to take place in Johannesburg on 23 September 2016, immediately prior to the present meeting.
4. The Standing Committee meetings since CoP16 have been characterized by an unprecedented volume of work for the Committee and equally by record participation at Committee meetings by members and observers from Parties and organizations.
5. Concerning participation at meetings of the Standing Committee, SC65 attracted 330 participants: 69 from Committee members, 132 from 50 Parties observers and 129 from 63 observer organizations. SC66 drew no less than 531 participants: 100 from Committee members, 191 from 66 Party observers and 240 from 97 observer organizations. The attendance at SC66 is the largest ever at a CITES Standing Committee meeting and is almost double the number of people who attended the equivalent meeting between CoP15 and CoP16. The increase in participation is shown graphically in Figure 1, which is extracted from document CoP17 Doc. 7.1.

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Figure 1. Participation at meetings of the Standing Committee, by category and in total.



6. In addition to the instructions to the Committee in 23 Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties, CoP16 also directed 41 Decisions to the Standing Committee for action. This generated a very substantial volume of documentation for the Committee to discuss: at SC65 this amounted to 1311 pages in 70 working documents and annexes and at SC66, 2672 pages in 96 working documents and annexes.
7. A brief summary of the Committee's discharge of all the instructions from the Conference of the Parties is found in Annex 1 to the present document. For 24 of the most substantive issues, the committee has submitted a working document for the present meeting.
8. In addition to those activities deriving from an instruction from the Conference of the Parties, the Committee also engaged in discussions on some issues under its own initiative.
9. Although Decision 15.18 was deleted at CoP15, under a working group chaired by Canada, the Committee continued to review the possibilities for future cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The Committee instructed the Secretariat to continue liaising with FAO on the basis of the draft Memorandum for Cooperation found in the Annex to document SC66 Doc. 16.3.
10. At SC65, following a request from the Animals Committee, the Standing Committee established a working group on sharks chaired by Colombia to consider relevant matters relating to the implementation of shark listings. At SC66, the Standing Committee requested the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Chair of the Animals Committee, to prepare draft decisions for consideration by the present meeting, directing the Standing Committee to complete the work directed to it by the Animals Committee in the recommendations in document SC66 Doc. 53.1. These draft decisions can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 56.1.
11. Upon a suggestion by the Secretariat, the Committee established a working group chaired by Botswana, to identify, compile and formulate ideas on how best to celebrate future celebrations of World Wildlife Day, as

well as to advise on how best to obtain adequate financial support and the necessary human resources to organize them. The Committee subsequently conveyed its advice on this matter to the Secretariat.

12. At SC66, the Committee considered and agreed to a proposal to amend Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) on *Permits and certificates* to add the following new section to the text of the Resolution:

XVI. Regarding permits and certificates issued under court orders

RECOMMENDS that:

- i) Exporting Parties should not proceed with any export of specimens of any CITES-listed species without evidence of legal origin of specimens of the species, and for species listed in Appendix I or II, without evidence of a non-detriment finding.*
- ii) Upon receiving credible information or intelligence, importing countries should reject shipments of specimens of species accompanied by export permits issued under court order without the required CITES findings. The importing Party should contact the exporting Party to seek confirmation that a non-detriment finding by the Scientific Authority and a legal acquisition finding by the Management Authority were made.*
- iii) Upon receiving credible information or intelligence, the Secretariat should contact the importing and exporting Parties involved in the potential trade of specimens accompanied by court ordered permits and inform them of the relevant provisions of the Convention.*

Reflections of the Chair

13. CITES has continued to develop with astonishing speed over the last intersessional period. This is reflecting the need for quick responses to alarming levels of illegal trade in wildlife. The initiation and execution of the National Ivory Action Plans (NIAPs) for an increasing number of Parties is one such example of a milestone initiative, cf Resolution 10.10 (rev. CoP16) and CoP17 Doc. 24 and 57.1. Importantly many more Parties have through work on NIAPs become aware that CITES requires strict national regulations to be able to comply with the intent of the text of the Convention. Another milestone for CITES has been the GEF 6 programming and the Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development (cf. GEF Global Wildlife Program) as described in CoP17 Doc. 7.5. Sharks have been in focus for many years and continue to pose challenges on NDFs and trade controls. Increased focus on the trade in tropical hardwoods is also likely to become much in focus as these species and their role in the ecosystems are increasingly under pressure. A number of listing proposals for CoP17 document this.

Concluding remarks

14. As Chair of the Standing Committee for the last two intersessional periods I am grateful to all those who have contributed, both members of the SC, AC and PC, the Secretariat, working groups, consultants and observers, and close collaboration with our partners in different MEAs and UN agencies without whom we could not have been able to conclude so successfully.
15. During the last intersessional period the number of issues at hand has been unprecedented, as has the interest in CITES. Let me highlight a few of those who deserve honour for their outstanding work: Firstly CITES has been extremely well served by our Secretary-General John Scanlon. Under his leadership CITES has moved into being a well acknowledged partner for many agencies and CITES initiatives have become well placed on the global agenda. Secondly at PC22 we were informed that the Plants Committee chair Margarita Clemente would be standing down from her position as Chair of the PC. She has had this position since 1996! Her efforts for CITES both as chair of the PC, as well as her outstanding work at the International University of Andalucía, with the establishment and running of the Master Course on 'Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework', is nothing short of remarkable and deserves our highest recognition. It is not possible to mention all those who have contributed here, but I must mention one last group of persons. These are the chairs of the many working groups of the Standing Committee. Many of whom have taken on huge burdens of work and often to the Standing Committee's surprise managed to conclude them. The family of CITES thank you all for your efforts!

16. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note the present document.

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

- A. In the light of the report in the present document, the Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties agrees to delete Decision 14.29 (Rev. CoP16) and Decision 16.62.
- B. The Secretariat further recommends that the proposal to amend Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) on *Permits and certificates* contained in paragraph 12 above be considered by Committee II at the present meeting.

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS DIRECTED OR RELEVANT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Resolution or Decision	Subject/title	Action undertaken
Conf. 16.2	Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2014-2016. CITES Trust Fund and MoU between the Committee and the Executive Director of UNEP.	Through its re-established Finance and Budget Subcommittee (chaired initially by Switzerland and latterly by Botswana), the Committee maintained careful oversight of the administration of the CITES Trust Fund. Discussions were held over the MoU between the Standing Committee and the Executive Director of UNEP concerning Secretariat services to and support of the Convention. A working group to review the administrative hosting arrangements for the CITES Secretariat was formed, chaired by Norway and later replaced by the United States of America. Discussions on this review are expected to continue at SC67.
Conf. 16.3	CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020	Revisions to the indicators proposed to measure progress with the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008–2020 were noted at SC66 and are now available on the CITES website .
Conf. 14.3	CITES compliance procedures	Acting in accordance with instructions from and authority delegated by the Conference of the Parties, the Committee handled a wide variety of general and specific compliance matters. During the intersessional period the Committee made a total of 40 recommendations to suspend trade and withdrew 17 such recommendations – full details can be found in Annex 2 of the present document.
Conf. 14.5	Dialogue meetings	The Committee did not call for any dialogue meetings during the past intersessional period.
Conf. 13.3	Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)	A CMS-CITES Joint Work Programme 2015-2020 was endorsed at SC65.
Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16)	Conservation of and trade in great apes	The Committee's report on the implementation of this Resolution and recommendations for further action is found in document CoP17 Doc. 61.
Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP16)	Control of trade in personal and household effects	The Committee considered the application of this Resolution in relation to caviar from sturgeons and paddlefish and makes proposals in document CoP17 Doc. 50.
Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP16)	Conservation of and trade in tigers and other Appendix-I Asian big cat species	The Committee formed a working group to address this matter, chaired by China. The Committee's report on the status of Asian big cats in the wild, their conservation, and trade controls in place in Parties can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 60.1.
Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP16)	Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish	The Committee formed a working group chaired by Germany and produced a report which can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 50.
Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)	Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species.	The Committee took action in instances where the Secretariat reported that it was not satisfied that a range State had implemented recommendations made by the Animals or Plants

		Committee to resolve problems concerning the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a) [non-detriment findings]. In consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals or Plants Committee reviewed its recommendations to suspend trade that had been in place for longer than two years and took measures to address the situation where appropriate. (see Annex 2 of the present document for details of recommendations to suspend trade made and withdrawn during the intersessional period)
Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15)	Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes	The Committee was called upon to resolve two cases relating to the registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes. One case is still pending.
Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP16)	Compliance and enforcement	In relation to Article XIII of the Convention, the Committee is acting on information from the Secretariat concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The Committee followed up on the <i>ad hoc</i> CITES enforcement task forces on ivory and on rhinoceroses, called for in Decisions 16.78 and 16.89 respectively. Results are reported in documents CoP17 Doc. 57.1 and CoP17 Doc. 68. The Committee acted on issues drawn to its attention in the Secretariat's reports on enforcement matters made at SC65 and SC66. (see Annex 2 of the present document for details of recommendations to suspend trade made and withdrawn during the intersessional period)
Conf. 11.4 (Rev. CoP12)	Illegal trade in whale meat	No information was received from the International Whaling Commission in this regard.
Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP13)	Conservation of and control of trade in the Tibetan antelope.	On the basis of a report from the Secretariat, the Committee reviewed the enforcement measures taken by the Parties in eliminating the illicit trade in Tibetan antelope products. Its resulting report to the present meeting can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 66
Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16)	National reports	On the basis of reports by the Secretariat, the Committee determined, which Parties had failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a) and took action as appropriate in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP16).
Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP16)	Use of annotations in Appendices I and II	No significant differences in the interpretation of terms in annotations among trading countries were drawn to the attention of the Committee (but see also Decisions 16.161 and 16.162 - below).
Conf. 10.9	Panel of Experts to consider proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II.	No proposals to amend the Appendices required a Panel of Experts.
Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16)	Trade in elephant specimens	The Committee requested the Secretariat to report to the present meeting on actions taken by Parties to implement the provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i> . Its report can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 57.1.

Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP16)	Transport of live specimens	No activities undertaken by the Committee
Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP15)	Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses	The Standing Committee continued to pursue actions aimed at ending illegal trade in rhinoceros parts and derivatives. It decided to make some resulting recommendations to the present meeting and these are conveyed in a report from the Secretariat in CoP17 Doc. 68.
Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16)	Species is transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II subject to an export quota or special measure approved by the CoP.	No relevant cases needed to be considered by the Committee.
Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15) [NB linked to Decisions 16.33 to 16.38]	National laws for implementation of the Convention	Parties which have not adopted appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention were identified and appropriate compliance measures adopted at SC65 and SC66. (see Annex 2 of the present document for details of recommendations to suspend trade made and withdrawn during the intersessional period)
Decision 16.1	Credentials Committee	Following preparations by a working group chaired by China, the Committee prepared guidance to Parties on the submission of credentials for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties and this is now available on the CITES website .
Decision 16.2 and 16.5	Access to Global Environment Facility and other sources of funding	The Committee provided guidance for the Secretariat on the consideration of the risks, benefits, necessity and implications of the GEF becoming a financial mechanism for CITES and on access to other sources of funding. The Secretariat's resulting report is found in document CoP17 Doc. 7.5.
Decision 16.9	Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees	The Committee assessed the functioning of the conflict of interest policy set out in paragraph c) under Regarding representation in the Animals and Plants Committees of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16). Its report is in document CoP17 Doc. 12.
Decisions 16.11 and 16.12	Cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions	The Committee's report on this matter is contained in document CoP17 Doc. 14.1.
Decision 16.14	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	The Committee's work was supported by a working group chaired by Mexico. It resulted in a report on the relationship between CITES and IPBES from the Committee which is contained in document CoP17 Doc. 14.4.
Decision 14.29 (Rev. CoP16)	Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures	The Committee re-established a working group on multilateral measures, chaired by South Africa. No external funding was available to convene the meeting referred to in paragraph b) of the decision. But the working group considered the consultancy report produced under Decision 14.30 (Rev. CoP15) through electronic means. The Committee noted that no revised or new resolutions are to be proposed on this subject.
Decisions 16.20-23	CITES and livelihoods	The Committee re-established a working group on CITES and livelihoods, chaired by Peru. The Committee's report on progress made with regard to this subject can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 16.

Decision 16.29	Capacity building	Having received its report on the matter, the Committee invited the Secretariat to submit its draft decisions to CoP17, taking into account the Committee's comments and proposals made by Parties during SC66. The resulting report can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 15.
Decision 16.31	Needs assessment for strengthening the implementation of CITES	The Committee established a working group on the development of a mechanism to assess the needs of Parties, chaired by Australia. No external funds were available to organize an intersessional meeting to discuss development of the mechanism and the challenges faced by non-English speaking countries regarding translation and interpretation, but agreed that the Secretariat's implementation report be utilised as a mechanism by which the Secretariat regularly gather information about Parties' capacity and needs.
Decisions 14.19	Review of Resolutions	The Committee reviewed proposals from the Secretariat to correct non-substantive errors or minor editorial faults in current Resolutions. Details can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 21.
Decision 16.36 and 16.37	National laws for implementation of the Convention	The Committee reviewed the progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention and recommended a suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with those Parties affected by Decision 16.33 as instructed by the Conference of the Parties.
Decision 16.39	Implementation and enforcement of the Convention as it relates to the trade in species listed in Appendix I	This matter was addressed by a working group chaired by the United States of America. The results were incorporated into the Committee's conclusions in relation to the implementation of Decision 16.66
Decision 16.42	Pangolins (<i>Manis</i> spp.)	Assisted by a working group, chaired by the European Union, the Committee developed recommendations, as appropriate, to address the illegal trade in pangolin species and these can be found in its report in document CoP17 Doc. 64.
Decision 16.44	Review of reporting requirements	The Standing Committee re-established a working group on special reporting requirements chaired by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. On the basis of its work, the Committee prepared a report that can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 35.1.
Decision 16.44	Disposal of illegally-traded and confiscated specimens of Appendix-I, -II and -III species	Based on a report by a working group chaired by Switzerland, the Committee reviewed Resolutions Conf. 9.9, Conf. 9.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Conf. 10.7 (Rev. CoP15) to determine whether to consolidate or simplify their provisions and its report is found in document CoP17 Doc. 34.
Decision 14.41 (Rev. CoP16)	Reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants	The Committee's conclusions on the possibilities for streamlining the reporting of trade in artificially propagated Appendix-II plants are found in document CoP17 Doc.35.1
Decision 16.55	Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory	The Committee established a working group on this matter and the Committee's report is found in document CoP17 Doc. 84.1.
Decision 16.67	Illegal trade reporting mechanism for great apes (<i>Hominidae</i> spp.)	The Committee's recommendations on this matter can be found in document CoP17 Doc.35.1

Decision 16.69	Asian big cats (<i>Felidae</i> spp.)	The Committee reviewed the conservation of and trade in Appendix-I Asian big cat species at its 65th and 66th meetings and determined actions deemed necessary to combat illegal trade in Asian big cats. Further details can be found in the Committee's report on the status of Asian big cats in the wild, their conservation, and trade controls in place in Parties which is in document CoP17 Doc. 60.1.
Decision 16.73	Illegal trade in cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>)	The Committee received a report on this matter from the Animals Committee. It established a working group chaired by Kuwait and on the basis of its work made recommendations for the present meeting which are contained in document CoP17 Doc. 49.
Decision 16.50	Introduction from the sea: chartering	On the basis of a report from the Secretariat on the implementation of the Convention by the Parties in relation to the provision on chartering arrangements provided for in Resolution Conf. 14.6 (Rev. CoP16), the Standing Committee, has submitted document CoP17 Doc. 36 for consideration at the present meeting.
Decision 16.54	Electronic permitting	The Standing Committee re-established a Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems. Although the Committee was not requested to report to the present meeting, the chair of the Working Group (Switzerland) has cooperated with the Secretariat to prepare document CoP17 Doc. 44, which includes a summary of the activities undertaken.
Decision 14.54 (Rev. CoP16)	Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates	The Committee re-established an intersessional joint working group to review the use of purpose-of-transaction codes by Parties, which was chaired by Canada, however, limited progress was made on this matter and a request to re-continue Decision 14.54 (Rev. CoP16) can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 37.
Decision 16.62	Inclusion of CITES-listed species in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.	The Standing Committee was advised by the Secretariat, about its interactions with the World Customs Organization over this matter. Committee members were divided over the issue, which in any event, did not result in any changes to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System related to CITES-listed species.
Decision 16.66	Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens	On the basis of a report from the Animals Committee, the Standing Committee has proposed a new resolution to provide a process for reviewing the implementation of CITES for specific examples of trade in specimens that are claimed to be produced via captive breeding or ranching and this can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 32.
Decisions 16.91 and 16.92	Rhinoceroses (<i>Rhinocerotidae</i> spp.)	The Committee re-established its Working Group on Rhinoceroses, chaired by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and reviewed reports provided by the Working Group at its 65th and 66th meeting (a further report is expected at its 67th meeting). The Committee made a large number of recommendations to concerned Parties for further actions to reduce illegal supply and demand of rhino horn. It requested the Secretariat to forward a draft

		decision on this subject for consideration by the present meeting and this can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 68. After reviewing the matter, the Committee decided that in relation to rhinoceros horn hunting trophies, no change in the definition of the term 'hunting trophy' provided in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) was required.
Decision 16.82	Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)	On the basis of reports from the Secretariat, the Committee undertook considerable work on this matter. The Committee was assisted by a subgroup on MIKE and ETIS, chaired by Uganda and a MIKE and ETIS technical advisory group chaired by the Secretariat. The Committee requested the Secretariat to report to the present meeting on the development and implementation of National Ivory Action Plans (NIAPs) by key affected Parties and on actions taken by Parties to implement the provisions of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i> . Their report on these subjects are found in documents CoP17 Doc. 24 and CoP17 Doc. 57.1 respectively.
Decision 16.101	Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga tatarica</i>)	After considering reports from the Secretariat, the Committee developed recommendations for consideration by the present meeting and these are found in document CoP17 Doc. 70.
Decision 16.105	Snake trade and conservation management (Serpentes spp.)	With the assistance of a working group chaired by Switzerland, the Committee considered reports and recommendations from the Animals Committee and the Secretariat, the results of the ITC study on trade in python snakes in Asia, the UNCTAD Biotrade Initiative's Working Group on reptile skin sourcing and any other relevant information. The Committee prepared a report on the implementation of Decisions 16.102, 16.104 and 16.105 and accompanying recommendations for the present meeting and these can be found in document CoP17 Doc. 71.
Decisions 16.112, 16.117, 16.120 and 16.123.	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)	The Committee reviewed guidance on non-detriment findings for tortoises and freshwater turtles and requested that it be communicated to the Parties. Work on seizures and confiscations, illegal and undocumented trade in parts and identification and capacity-building materials on turtle and tortoises was delayed due to unavailability of the required preparatory reports. The Secretariat addresses these issues in document CoP17 Doc. 73
Decision 16.149	Bushmeat	The Committee formed a working group to address this matter, chaired by the chair of the Animals Committee. The Committee reviewed Resolution Conf. 13.11 on <i>Bushmeat</i> and submits its recommendations to the present meeting in document CoP17 Doc. 75.1.
Decisions 14.148 (Rev. CoP16), 16.150, 16.151, 16.161 and 16.162	Annotations	The Committee established a working group on annotations under the chairmanship of the United States of America to consider these issues. Based on its work the Committee submit proposals for guidance on crafting and interpreting annotations in document CoP17 Doc. 83.1. Due to lack of time, the Committee was unable to conclude its work on annotations

		for Ginseng (<i>Panax ginseng</i> and <i>P. quinquefolius</i>) Brazilian rosewood (<i>Aniba rosaeodora</i>) and Holy wood (<i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i>) and agarwood-producing taxa (<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.). These are addressed by the United States of America in document CoP17 Doc. 83.2 and CoP17 Props 60 and 62.
Decision 16.160	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>	The Standing Committee established a working group to review Resolution Conf. 10.9, chaired by Botswana. The Committee was unable to conclude its work due to lack of time and proposes that this Decision be re-continued in document CoP17 Doc. 86.
Decision 16.165	Extinct or possibly extinct species	The Committee shall considered a report from the Animals and Plants Committees on this matter and presents its recommendations to the present meeting in document CoP17 Doc. 85.

COMPLIANCE MATTERS RESULTING IN A STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND TRADE DURING THE PERIOD CoP16-CoP17.

Party	CITES obligation involved	Suspension conveyed to Parties	Withdrawal conveyed to Parties
Guinea	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Balearica pavonina only]</i>	2 May 2013	Still in force
Sudan	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Balearica pavonina only]</i>	2 May 2013	Still in force
South Sudan	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Balearica pavonina only]</i>	2 May 2013	Still in force
Rwanda	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Balearica regulorum only]</i>	2 May 2013	15 March 2016
United Republic of Tanzania	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Balearica regulorum only]</i>	2 May 2013	Still in force
Islamic Republic of Iran	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Huso only]</i>	2 May 2013	12 August 2014
Kazakhstan	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Huso only]</i>	2 May 2013	15 March 2016
Russian Federation	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Huso only]</i>	2 May 2013	15 March 2016
Viet Nam	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Hippocampus kuda only]</i>	2 May 2013	Still in force
Benin	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Pandinus imperator only]</i>	2 May 2013	Still in force
Togo	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Pandinus imperator only]</i>	2 May 2013	Still in force
Guinea	Article XIII of the Convention	16 May 2013	Still in force
Afghanistan	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	17 May 2013	Still in force
Djibouti	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	17 May 2013	9 September 2013
Lesotho	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	17 May 2013	Still in force
Ghana	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Pandinus imperator only]</i>	12 August 2104	Still in force

Gambia	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	13 October 2014	26 November 2014
Madagascar	Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) on <i>Ranching and trade in ranched specimens of species transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II</i>	(17 June 2010)	30 December 2014
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	19 March 2015	15 April 2015
Madagascar	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [certain species in the genera Calumma, Furcifer and Phelsuma only]</i>	(SC58 2009)	15 March 2016
Bahrain	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Falco cherrug only]</i>	(October 2006)	15 March 2016
Comoros	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Phelsuma comorensis and P. v-nigra only]</i>	(July 2008)	15 March 2016
Ghana	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Chamaeleo gracilis and C. senegalensis only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Benin	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Chamaeleo gracilis, C. senegalensis and Kinixys homeana only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Cameroon	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Triceros quadricornis only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Central African Republic;	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Psittacus erithacus only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Fiji	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Plerogyra simplex and P. sinuosa only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Guinea	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Hippocampus algiricus only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Senegal	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Hippocampus algiricus only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Macaca fascicularis, Ptyas mucosus and Python reticulatus only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
Solomon Islands	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species [Tridacna derasa, T. crocea, T. gigas, T. maxima and T. squamosa only]</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force
United Republic of Tanzania	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens</i>	15 March 2016	Still in force

	<i>of Appendix-II species. [Kinyongia fischeri and K. tavetana only]</i>		
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	19 March 2015	15 September 2015
		11 February 2016	21 March 2016
Nigeria	Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	19 March 2015	11 February 2016
Angola	Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	11 February 2016	21 March 2016
Madagascar	Decision 16.152 on <i>Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and Malagasy palissanders and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)</i> . [<i>Diospyros</i> spp. and <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. only]	15 March 2016	Still in force
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on <i>Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species. [Psittacus erithacus only]</i>	16 March 2016	Still in force
Grenada	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	16 March 2016	Still in force
Solomon Islands	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	16 March 2016	1 April 2016
Sao Tome and Principe	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	16 March 2016	Still in force
Guinea-Bissau	Decisions 16.33 - 16.38 on National Laws for implementation of the Convention	23 March 2016	Still in force
Liberia	Decisions 16.33 - 16.38 on National Laws for implementation of the Convention	23 March 2016	Still in force
Somalia	Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP14) on <i>National reports</i>	(14 December 2006)	9 May 2016