

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



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Interpretation and implementation matters

Trade control and traceability

IDENTIFICATION OF ELEPHANT AND MAMMOTH IVORY IN TRADE

1. This document has been submitted by Israel. *
2. In light of the Secretariats' comments to document CoP17 Doc. 38, Israel wishes to withdraw Annex 1 and Annex 2 to the document, which contain a draft Resolution and a number of draft Decisions, and replace them with the following, instead:
3. In Resolution 10.10 (Rev CoP 16), *Trade in elephant specimens*, in the first operative section under "*Regarding trade in elephant specimens*", right after this paragraph: RECOMMENDS that all Parties and non-Parties prohibit the unregulated domestic sale of raw or worked ivory and enact, as appropriate, legislation that allows for the effective control of the possession of and trade in ivory, ensuring that ivory can only be possessed, acquired or traded in conformity with national legislation;

add this new paragraph:

RECOMMENDS that all Parties and non-Parties enact, as appropriate, legislation that allows for inspection of specimens in trade labeled as mammoth ivory in order to ensure that they are not in fact specimens of elephant ivory, for example by requiring a determination from a proper wildlife forensic laboratory.

4. In the same Resolution 10.10 (Rev. CoP 16), right after this paragraph: DIRECTS the Secretariat, subject to available resources, to provide technical assistance to these Parties to:
 - a) improve legislative, regulatory and enforcement measures concerning trade in ivory and in developing practical measures to control the trade in ivory; and
 - b) support, where requested, the security and registration of government-held ivory stockpiles;

add this new sub-paragraph:

c) identify elephant and mammoth ivory specimens;

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5. New draft decisions:

Directed to the Secretariat

17.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funds, prepare a revised and updated version of the *Identification Guide for Ivory and Ivory Substitutes*, taking into account modern forensic methods such as DNA analysis, for circulation to the Parties.

Directed to the Parties and donors

17.BB Parties and donors are encouraged to provide funding to the Secretariat to finance the activity called for in Decision 17.AA.