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

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Amendment of the Appendices
Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

COMMENTS FROM PARTIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. Upon receipt of the sixty two proposals as per Annex 1 to the document CoP17 Doc. 88.1, the Secretariat consulted the Parties on the proposed amendments in accordance with the provisions of Article XV, paragraphs 1 (a), 2 (b) and (c), through a Notification sent to the contracting and signatory States of the Convention through the diplomatic channel on 26 May 2016, as well as with Notification to the Parties No 2016/043 of the same date. The proposals have also been made available on the Secretariat's website.

3. Replies were received from the following 13 Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Qatar, Senegal, Ukraine and the United States of America. The full texts of the comments received from Parties in response to the Secretariat's request for comments, in the languages in which they were submitted, are contained in the following annexes to the present document:

Annex 1 – Brazil
Annex 2 – Burkina Faso
Annex 3 – Democratic Republic of the Congo
Annex 4 – Indonesia
Annex 5 – Japan
Annex 6 – Kenya
Annex 7 – Liberia
Annex 8 – Niger
Annex 9 – Nigeria
Annex 10 – Qatar
Annex 11 – Senegal
Annex 12 – Ukraine
Annex 13 – United States of America

4. The Secretariat's recommendations take full account of the comments received as a result of the above.
5. At its 58th meeting (Geneva, July 2009), the Standing Committee agreed *inter alia* that, when providing advice to the Parties on proposals to amend Appendices I or II, the Secretariat should clearly indicate which interpretation of the criteria to amend the Appendices it has used. The view of the Secretariat on this point is explained in document CoP15 Doc. 63.