This document has been prepared by the working group on songbirds on the basis of document CoP18 Doc. 79 after discussion in the fifth session of Committee I (see document CoP18 Com. I Rec. 5).

Directed to the Secretariat

18.AA Subject to available funds, the Secretariat shall,

a) Within 12 months of the conclusion of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, commission a preliminary study on the scale and scope of international songbird trade to consider the management and conservation priorities of songbird taxa involved in such trade;

b) consult with appropriate technical experts in the preparation of documents on the conservation, trade, management, enforcement and regulatory priorities of the songbird taxa identified;

c) convene a technical workshop to consider the findings of the study and the reports referred to in paragraph b);

d) invite the members of the Animals and Standing Committees, representatives from range, exporting, transit and consumer States, and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the workshop; and

e) make the results of the study and workshop, together with recommendations, available to the Animals Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.BB The Animals Committee shall review document CoP18 Doc. 79 and the results of the study and workshop on trade in songbirds, with the recommendations of the Secretariat, as per Decision 18.AA, and make its own recommendations to the Standing Committee or 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.CC The Standing Committee shall consider the recommendations by the Animals Committee and make its own recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders, and donors

18.DD Parties and non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, commercial traders and donors are encouraged to provide funding to the Secretariat for the implementation of these Decisions.