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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee II

Language strategy for the Convention

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the working group on a language strategy of the Convention on the basis of document CoP18 Doc. 8 after discussion in the first session of Committee II (see document CoP18 Com. II Rec. 1).

Draft decision on Language strategy for the Convention

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.AA The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat:

- a) consider implications of adding Arabic, Chinese and Russian to the working languages of the Convention, including for the administration, budget, implementation and effectiveness of the Convention;
- b) particularly consider benefits and challenges specific to adding each one of these languages as working languages of the Convention, particularly taking note of document CoP18 Doc. 8 on *Draft resolution on language strategy for the Convention* and of United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/328 on *Multilingualism*; and
- c) report its conclusions and recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.