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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee II

Combating wildlife cybercrime

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of documents CoP18 Docs. 33.1 and 33.2 after discussion in the sixth session of Committee II (see document CoP18 Com. II Rec. 6).

Directed to Parties

- 18.AA Parties are encouraged to, as may be needed, draw upon the capacity established at the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in Singapore, for advice and assistance in their efforts to combat wildlife crime linked to the Internet.
- 18.BB Parties are encouraged to, as may be needed, make full use of the guidelines developed by INTERPOL, on how to combat wildlife crime linked to the Internet, in their investigation of cases of wildlife crime linked to the Internet.
- 18.CC Parties should:
- a) inform the Secretariat in the event that any changes that pertain to wildlife crime linked to the Internet are made to their national legislation, as well as of any other relevant domestic measures;
 - b) submit information to the Secretariat on websites adhering to codes of conduct to address and prevent illegal trade in wildlife;
 - c) inform the Secretariat of any best practice models that pertain to regulation of online marketplaces and social media platforms;
 - d) publish the results of scientific research on the correlations between use of the Internet and the rate of wildlife crime, and communicate these results to the Secretariat; and
 - e) inform the Secretariat of any trends in wildlife crime linked to the Internet identified, including any changes in trade routes and methods of shipment that have been observed.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 18.DD The Secretariat shall:
- a) continue the engagement with its partners in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC), regarding best practices and model domestic measures for addressing wildlife crime linked to the Internet; and
 - b) share on the *Wildlife crime linked to the Internet* webpage on the CITES website, as appropriate, information received from Parties in accordance with Decision 18.BB, ICWC partner agencies in

accordance with Decision 18.CC, paragraph a), and other relevant organizations or experts, regarding measures and activities implemented to address wildlife crime linked to the Internet.

- c) amend all relevant Resolutions and Decisions to ensure consistent use of the term 'wildlife crime linked to the internet' with regard to reference to combating wildlife cybercrime and include as appropriate this terminology on the CITES glossary and the new webpage on *Wildlife crime linked to the internet* on the CITES website.

18.EE The Secretariat shall report on the implementation of decisions 18.AA and 18.CC to the Standing Committee, and subsequently to the Conference of the Parties at its 19th meeting.