

# Summary reports of the CITES CoP17 regional preparatory meetings

Asia region (Bangkok, 1-5 August 2016)

The meeting was attended by the following Parties and countries: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste. Japan and Kuwait, who are also regional members of the CITES Standing Committee, acted as co-Chairs of the meeting.

The CoP17 agenda items and proposals for Amendment to Appendices I and II that were covered at this meeting were chosen by the Parties participating at the meeting through a consultative process. Some of the topics were clustered so that documents dealing with related issues would be presented together.

The following documents were covered:

Document	Issue	Presenter(s)
Doc.4	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure	China
Doc.7.1, 7.3, 7.4	Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat	Japan
Doc.8	Sponsored delegates project	Bahrain, Iran
Doc.10	Committee reports and recommendations (election of new regional and alternate regional members)	Japan, Kuwait
Doc.13	Rural Communities Committee	Thailand
Doc.15	Capacity building	Maldives, Nepal
Doc.24	National Ivory Action Plans	Sri Lanka
Doc.26	Illegal international trade in wildlife	Bhutan
Doc.27	Actions to combat wildlife trafficking	Bangladesh, Japan
Doc.43	Review of the definition of 'artificially propagated' for plants	China
Doc.49	Illegal trade in cheetahs	Kuwait
Doc.53	Agarwood-producing taxa ( <i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.)	Kuwait
Doc.57.2	Closure of domestic markets for elephant ivory	Japan
Doc.59	Hawksbill turtle	Iran
Doc.64	Pangolins	Philippines
Doc.66	Tibetan antelope: enforcement measures	Kuwait
Doc.69	Illegal trade in the helmeted hornbill	Indonesia
Prop.10	<i>Manis culionensis</i> (Philippine pangolin)	Philippines
Prop.17	<i>Falco peregrinus</i> (Peregrine falcon)	Kuwait
Prop.19	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (African grey parrot)	Kuwait

Prop.33	<i>Shinisaurus crocodilurus</i> (Chinese crocodile lizard)	China
Prop.36	<i>Cyclanorbis elegans</i> , <i>C. aubryi</i> , <i>C. frenatum</i> , <i>C. triunguis</i> , <i>C. euphraticus</i> (flapshell turtles)	Iran
Prop.41	<i>Paramesotriton hongkongensis</i> (Hong Kong warty newt)	China
Prop.42	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i> (Silky shark )	Maldives
Prop.43	<i>Alopias</i> spp. (Thresher sharks)	Sri Lanka
Prop.44	<i>Mobula</i> spp.(Devil rays)	Sri Lanka
Prop.53	<i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i> (Siamese rosewood)	Thailand
Prop. 55	<i>Dalbergia</i> spp. (Rosewoods, Palisanders)	Thailand
Prop.60	<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyrinops</i> spp. (Agarwood)	Kuwait

For each agenda item or proposal, the Party (or Parties) who acted as the presenter(s) gave a brief summary, noting the background of the issue as well as the key discussion points of the relevant document, and also provided views on the possible consequences of adopting or rejecting the proposed actions (Resolution/Decision/Proposal), if any. After each presentation, Parties shared relevant information and exchanged views on the issue(s) covered by the document or the proposal. For further capacity building purposes, the participants felt that continued information sharing in the region would be useful outside the meeting, for example on national CITES legislation (in particular on fines and penalties imposed).

As a background to the CITES session, the CITES Secretariat gave a presentation on the general overview of the CITES CoP17 agenda items as well as the decision-making process, and on the listing criteria for CITES Appendices I and II. Furthermore, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations gave a presentation on the report on Fifth Expert advisory panel of FAO for the assessment of proposals to amend appendices I and II of CITES concerning commercially exploited aquatic species.

On the Sponsored Delegates Project (Doc. 8), the participants expressed a strong support for the establishment of an improved mechanism that ensures all Parties in need of financial assistance to attend the CoP. In particular, there are a number of Parties in the Asian region that may have socio-economic and political situations which need to be taken into account. Furthermore, the co-Chairs expressed their concerns regarding the memorandum sent to a number of Parties, including 12 Asian Parties, regarding the possible unavailability of funds to support their participation at CoP17, which will likely result in their absence from the meeting. The participants agreed that an official communication will be sent from Kuwait (on behalf of the SC members) to the Secretariat to express their concern and to ask the Secretariat to give an additional consideration to provide these Parties the opportunity to attend CoP17. An intervention by an SC member would also be made at CoP17 on behalf of the Asian region on this matter.

On the election of new regional and alternate regional members (Doc. 10 *Committee reports and recommendations*), the participants were reminded that there were a number of members of the Standing Committee (SC), Animals Committee (AC) and the Plants Committee (PC) whose terms will end at CoP17, and that an election of new members would be needed. A particular call was made to nominate candidates for the Animals Committee, which currently does not have enough candidates to fill the posts that will become vacant, noting the guidelines for the election of representatives in the Animals and Plants Committees as laid out in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16).

In order to facilitate the selection process, the following regional meetings schedule at CoP17 was suggested:

- During the meeting of Parties on a regional basis (Sunday, 25 September 2016 at 09h00 – 12h00), the candidates for SC, AC, and PC will be reviewed and discussed. At this time any new candidatures may be announced.
- On Sunday, 4 October 2016 at 08h00 – 09h00, a meeting of the Asian Parties will take place in order to hold the elections for the new members of SC, AC and PC.

In addition to the above, that the Parties requested the Secretariat to secure a meeting room for the Asia region every morning from 08h00 - 09h00 during the entire duration of CoP17, so as to allow the delegates from the region (regionally or sub-regionally) to meet to discuss on relevant issues.

Parties considered that this meeting was important for the region to share information and exchange opinions before CoP17, and encouraged to organize a similar meeting before each CoP.

## Africa region (Addis Ababa, 8-12 August 2016)

The CoP17 agenda items and proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of CITES that were covered at this meeting were chosen by the Parties participating at the meeting through a consultative process. Some of the topics were “clustered” and presented together. The following documents were covered:

Document	Issue	Presenter(s)
Doc.4	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure	South Africa
Doc.7.3, 7.4, 7.5 Doc.8 Doc.15	Administration, finance and budget Sponsored Delegates Project Capacity building	South Africa
Doc.10	Committee reports and recommendations (Election of new regional and alternate regional members)	Uganda
Doc.14.2, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	Enforcement related working documents	South Africa
Doc. 18.1 Doc. 18.2	Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species Development of CITES demand-reduction guidelines	South Africa
Doc. 24, 27, 38, 40, 57.1-6, 84.1-3, 85 Prop. 14 Prop. 15 Prop. 16	Elephant-related working documents  Delete annotation for Namibian population of <i>Loxodonta africana</i> Delete annotation for Zimbabwean population of <i>Loxodonta africana</i> Transfer all populations of <i>Loxodonta africana</i> to Appendix I	Kenya Namibia South Africa
Doc 39.1 Doc. 39.2	Hunting trophies of species listed in Appendix I or II Trade in hunting trophies of species listed on Appendix II	South Africa
Doc. 55.1, 55.2, 62	Rosewood and look-alike species related working documents Change annotation for <i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i>	Senegal Gabon

Prop. 53 Prop. 54 Prop. 55 Prop. 56 Prop. 57	Include 13 species of <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. in Appendix II Include all species of <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. not on Appendix I in Appendix Include 3 species of <i>Guibourtia</i> spp. in Appendix II Include <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i> in Appendix II	
Doc.64 Prop. 8, 9 Prop. 10 Prop. 11 Prop. 12	Pangolins ( <i>Manis</i> spp.) Transfer <i>Manis crassicaudata</i> to Appendix I Transfer <i>Manis culionensis</i> to Appendix I Transfer <i>Manis javanica</i> and <i>M. pentadactyla</i> to Appendix I Transfer <i>Manis tetradactyla</i> , <i>M. tricuspis</i> , <i>M. gigantea</i> and <i>M. temminckii</i> to Appendix I	Nigeria
Doc. 65	Conservation of and trade in East African sandalwood ( <i>Osyris lanceolata</i> )	Cameroon
Doc. 67 Doc. 77	Harvesting of and trade in African cherry ( <i>Prunus africana</i> ) International trade in African tree species	Kenya
Doc. 75.1	Review of Resolution Conf. 13.11 on Bushmeat	Congo
Doc. 75.2	Report of the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group	
Doc. 79	Implementation of the CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2020	South Africa
Prop. 4	Transfer all African populations of <i>Panthera leo</i> to Appendix I	Niger
Prop.19	Transfer of <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (African grey parrot) to Appendix I	Gabon, South Africa

As background, the CITES Secretariat gave a presentation on the general overview of the CITES CoP17 agenda items as well as, upon request, a brief overview on the documents related to some of the thematic clusters.

For each agenda item, proposal or thematic cluster, the Party that acted as the presenter gave a brief summary, noting the background on the issue as well as the key discussion points of the relevant document, and also provided views on the possible consequences of adopting or rejecting the proposed actions (resolution/decision/proposal), if any. After each presentation, Parties shared relevant information and exchanged views on the issue(s) covered by the document or the proposal.

The opportunity for discussion allowed delegations to reach consensus and establish an African common understanding on several items of particular importance to the region, including the African lion (Prop. 4), pangolins (Prop. 8-12), African grey parrot (Prop. 19) and most timber issues (Doc. 65, 67, 77, Prop. 55, 57).

Although consensus could not be reached on the listing of African elephant in the CITES Appendices, issues of common concern were identified and a better understanding of the various positions were obtained. It was agreed that the AUC, AMCEN and UNEP secretariats would facilitate continued discussions to identify areas of convergence pre and post CoP 17.

On the topic of budget and capacity-building, the participants requested that the African representative participating in the budget committee stress the importance of the availability of sufficient financial resources for capacity-building for the implementation of the Convention.

On the Sponsored Delegates Project (Doc. 8), the participants expressed concern regarding the memorandum sent to a number of Parties, regarding the possible unavailability of funds to support their

participation at CoP 17, which would likely result in their absence from the meeting. The participants requested the Secretariat to provide clarification for individual Parties from the region that had not qualified for sponsorship through the Sponsored Delegates Project, for attendance at CoP 17, as to why they did not qualify.

On the election of new regional and alternate regional members (Doc. 10 on Committee reports and recommendations), the participants were reminded that there were a number of members of the Standing Committee (SC), Animals Committee (AC) and the Plants Committee (PC) whose terms would end at CoP 17, and that new members would therefore need to be elected in accordance with the guidelines for the election of representatives in the Animals and Plants Committees as laid out in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP16).

Parties considered that the meeting represented an important opportunity for the region to share information and exchange opinions before CoP 17, and encouraged the organization of similar meetings before each CoP.

## Oceania region (Apia, 15-19 August 2016)

On substantive matters, the Parties to CITES identified and considered the following Agenda Items

**Doc. 10** on Election of Standing, Animals and Plants Committee members presented by Australia and New Zealand: For the Standing committee it was proposed that New Zealand be the member with Australia as the alternate unless there is a nomination for a Pacific candidate. Plants committee currently has no alternate member nominated and Fiji would re-confirm nomination of its current alternate member.

**Doc. 4** Rules of Procedure – discussion on how the process of Rules of Procedure and new recommendations proposed by the European Union.

### Amendment of the Appendices

The Parties exchanged views and information on the following proposals in which some of the countries are co-proponents and range states.

- Proposal 44 on *Mobula* spp. (Devil rays) presented by Fiji and Vanuatu
- Proposal 43 on Thresher sharks presented by Samoa, Palau and Marshall Islands
- Proposal 42 on Silky sharks presented by Samoa, Palau and Marshall Islands
- Proposal 48 on Nautilus presented by Palau and Fiji

Parties were also informed and briefed on the following proposals.

- Proposal 14 – 16 on African elephants presented by New Zealand
- Proposal 4 on Lions presented by CMS Secretariat
- Proposal 7 on Southern white Rhinoceros presented by SPREP

### Other COP17 Agenda Items

Parties were briefed on the progress and work under the following Agenda Items and reviewed the draft decisions as well as the consequences on the Oceania region.

- Doc. 59: Hawksbill turtles presented by Solomon Islands
- Doc. 52: Review of Precious corals in International trade presented by Tonga and Marshall Islands
- Doc. 22: National laws for implementation presented by Tonga
- Doc. 7: Budget presented by Australia
- Doc. 4: Rules of Procedure presented by Australia

Existing tools and opportunities for meeting the challenges which were identified by members included the following:

- (a) Non-Detrimental Findings (NDFs)
  - Development of a Regional template for sharks and rays
  - Prioritizing species for NDF development by Universities and other research organizations eg, IUCN
  - UNDP-GEF Areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) project
- (b) Permits/Reporting
  - ASYCUDA/UNCTAD (Constantin Ciuta) presented on a system developed that allows exchange of information with Customs and Management Authority on CITES listed species and assist with reporting requirements for the Pacific region
- (c) Identification of Species
  - Shark & ray identification training and identification guides (visual & DNA)
  - Material targeting most commonly traded species
  - CITES shark portal available online has FAO iSharkFin software, NDF guidance
- (d) National Regulatory Framework
  - Workshop for implementing CITES listings sharks & rays
  - CITES National legislation project [Samoa, Solomon Islands and Palau are in Category 3 and can receive support; other Parties in are in Category 1 and encouraged to assist]
  - ICCWC Toolkit
  - Connection between Management Authority (MA) and Enforcement and Border Officials
  - Regional enforcement communication
  - Illegal fishing analysis and enforcement

Species identified by Pacific which were prioritized for NDFs:

- Giant clams: Solomon islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, PNG, Samoa, Marshall island, Palau, Fiji
- Saltwater crocodiles – Palau, Solomon Islands
- Hornbills and all other CITES listed bird species – Solomon islands
- Sharks – everyone
- Red shiny parrots – Tonga
- Humphead wrasse – Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu, Palau
- Mobula rays – Fiji, Vanuatu, PNG
- Corals – Vanuatu, Marshall islands, Palau, Tonga, Solomon islands

FAO Expert Panel Assessment [presented by the CITES Secretariat on behalf of FAO Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture] Parties were informed of how the FAO Expert Panel Assessment were conducted for the new species proposed for CITES Appendix II listing.

Discussion on support for the Oceania region during the CITES COP17.

## Central and South America and the Caribbean region (Antigua, Guatemala, 22-26 August 2016)

En la primera sesión de discusiones del grupo de trabajo de la CITES, el grupo eligió al Sr. Marcel Calvar como presidente adjunto del grupo de trabajo, para trabajar junto con el Sr. César Augusto Beltetón Chacón (Guatemala), presidente adjunto de la reunión de CITES.

Los puntos de la agenda de la Cop17 y las propuestas de enmienda de los apéndices I and II que fueron cubiertas durante la reunión fueron seleccionadas por las Partes que participan en la reunión a través de un proceso consultativo.

Los siguientes documentos y propuestas fueron seleccionados de los 55 puntos identificados inicialmente y se discutieron en profundidad.

Documento	Asunto	Presentador
Doc.4	Adopción de las Reglas de Procedimiento	Secretaría
Doc.8	Proyecto de delegados patrocinados	Secretaría
Doc. 13	Establecimiento de un comité de comunidades rurales de la Conferencia de las Partes	Venezuela
Doc.32	Implementación de la Convención relacionado con cría en cautividad y ranqueo de especímenes	El Salvador
Doc.36	Introducción procedente del mar	Chile
Doc.45&46	Trazabilidad	México
Doc.47	Existencias y reservas de especímenes listadas en CITES	Guatemala
Doc. 48	Identificación de maderas	Brasil
Doc. 56	Tiburones y rayas	Costa Rica
Doc. 58	Tortuga carey	Cuba
Doc. 62	Comercio internacional en especies maderables de palo rosa	México
Doc.72	Cooperación regional para manejo y comercio del caracol pala ( <i>Strombus gigas</i> )	Honduras
Doc.73	Tortugas de agua dulce y galápagos ( <i>Testudines spp.</i> )	Ecuador
Doc.75.1	Carne de animales silvestres	Ecuador
Doc.76	Especies de árboles neotropicales	Guatemala
Doc.78	Intercambio de justificaciones de base científica formuladas por escrito e información científica para los dictámenes de extracción no perjudicial formulados para especies incluidas en los Apéndices de la CITES	Argentina

Doc.79	Implementación de la CITES, Visión estratégica: 2008-2020	Brasil
Doc. 83	Anotaciones (en el contexto de la propuesta 62)	
Doc. 87	Rayas de agua dulce (Potamotrygonidae spp.)	Uruguay
	<b>PROPOSALS</b>	
Prop.3	<i>Vicugna vicugna</i> (Vicuña)	Perú
Prop. 21	<i>Crocodylus acutus</i> (Cocodrilo americano)	Colombia
Prop. 22	<i>Crocodylus moreletii</i> (Cocodrilo Moreleti)	México
Prop.25&26	<i>Abronia</i> spp. (Lagartos)	Guatemala y México
Prop. 40	<i>Telmatobius coleus</i> (Rana gigante del lago Titicaca)	Bolivia
Prop .42	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i> (Tiburón sedoso)	Venezuela
Prop. 43	<i>Alopias</i> spp. (Tiburones zorros)	Panamá
Prop. 44	<i>Mobula</i> spp.(Mantas diablo)	Costa Rica
Prop. 45	<i>Potamotrygon motoro</i> (Raya motoro)	Bolivia
Prop. 47	<i>Holacanthus clarionensis</i> (Pez clarión)	México
Prop. 49	<i>Polymita</i> (Caracoles cubanos) spp.	Cuba
Prop. 50	<i>Beaucarnea</i> spp. (Palma monja)	México
Prop. 53	<i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i> (Palo rosa siamés)	Secretaría
Prop. 54	13 sp. maderables del género <i>Dalbergia</i>	México
Prop. 55	<i>Dalbergia</i> spp. (Palos rosa, Palisandros)	Guatemala
Prop. 62	<i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i> (Palo santo)	Argentina

Por cada punto de la agenda o propuesta, la Parte (o Partes) que actuaron como ponentes dieron un breve resumen, teniendo en cuenta los antecedentes, así como los puntos clave de discusión del documento pertinente, y también proporcionaron sus puntos de vista sobre las posibles consecuencias de adoptar o rechazar las acciones propuestas (Resolución / Decisión / propuesta), si los hubiere. Después de cada presentación, las Partes compartieron información relevante e intercambiaron puntos de vista sobre el tema cubierto por el documento o la propuesta.

Como introducción a la sesión de la CITES, la Secretaría CITES hizo una presentación sobre el panorama general de la CoP 17, temas del programa, así como el proceso de toma de decisiones de la Convención, y sobre los criterios de inclusión para los Apéndices I y II de la CITES.

Los participantes pusieron de relieve algunos de sus puntos de vista informales, que no implican una posición oficial de las Partes, sobre una serie de temas del programa y propuestas:

- *Doc. 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, relativos a las reglas de procedimiento.* Los delegados expresaron una mayoría de opiniones a favor de la necesidad de estar presente en el momento de votar para todos los Estados Miembros de una Organización Económica Regional de Integración, invocando una cuestión de equidad y el hecho de que muchas Partes de la región tienen dificultades para asistir a la CoP porque carecen de los recursos financieros. Los delegados también expresaron interés en el resultado de la discusión sobre la interpretación y alcance de la actual regla 23, en relación con el procedimiento para decidir sobre las propuestas para enmendar los Apéndices I y II. En particular, el artículo 23, numeral 4. En cuanto a las reglas sobre los grupos de trabajo, los delegados identificaron como una necesidad urgente el uso del español, como uno de los tres idiomas oficiales de la Convención, en todos los grupos de trabajo.



- *Doc. 8, en el proyecto de delegados patrocinados.* Los delegados expresaron un fuerte apoyo al establecimiento de un mecanismo mejorado que revise el índice utilizado para asignar los fondos y asegure asistir a la CoP a todas las Partes con necesidad de asistencia financiera. En particular, hay un número importante de Partes en la región de América Central, del Sur y el Caribe que no han recibido una respuesta definitiva y pidieron recibirla tan pronto como sea posible para saber si pueden comenzar a planificar sus viajes. Explicaron que no es sólo una cuestión de dinero, sino también de visados, de credenciales, de cambios institucionales en los países y de complejos procedimientos administrativos que toman cierto tiempo. Por ejemplo, compartieron sus preocupaciones sobre las facilidades para obtener una visa de Sudáfrica para asistir a la reunión, en particular para los países en los que Sudáfrica no tiene una representación diplomática. Preguntaron si existía la posibilidad de obtener visados a la llegada.
- *Propuestas 25,26 y 54,55.* Los delegados solicitaron a la Secretaría mediar con el Presidente del Comité I para consultarle con respecto a las propuestas sobre Abroñias y Dalbergias en relación con la versión actual del artículo 23 de las reglas de procedimiento. Las principales cuestiones que desearían aclarar tienen que ver con el hecho de saber si las propuestas son complementarias o compiten entre ellas y cuáles serían las posibles consecuencias para las anotaciones propuestas.
- *Especies marinas.* Los delegados pidieron el desarrollo de un programa de apoyo para la implementación de los listados de la CITES para todas las especies marinas, similar al programa conjunto OIMT-CITES para especies arbóreas. Asimismo, durante la reunión se discutieron los temas relacionados con la introducción procedente del mar y el acompañamiento de la Secretaría para la elaboración e implementación de los dictámenes de extracción no perjudicial. Sobre este último punto, resulta relevante destacar que las guías metodológicas se entienden como apoyo al desarrollo de procedimientos propios de los países y no como un documento vinculante.
- *Propuesta 45.* Después de discutir con los delegados de Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú y Venezuela, Bolivia analizaría su posición de retirar la propuesta. De ser así, evaluaría la posibilidad de incluir la especie en el Apéndice III. Asimismo, considerarán la posibilidad de trabajar juntos en una eventual inclusión de la especie en el Apéndice II para la CoP18 siempre que se recopile información complementaria.
- *Propuesta 62.* Los delegados solicitaron que el grupo de trabajo sobre anotaciones considere esta propuesta después de la CoP17 y asegure la plena participación de los Estados del área de distribución de la especie. El grupo de trabajo debería proporcionar servicios de interpretación en español.

Con relación a la elección de los nuevos miembros regionales y sus suplentes, se recordó a los delegados que había miembros del Comité Permanente (CP) y del Comité de Flora (CF) cuyos mandatos terminarán en la CoP17, y también que sería necesaria una elección de los nuevos miembros. Brasil y Perú explicaron su acuerdo para rotar su representación. Se explicó que comunicaciones oficiales serán enviadas a la Secretaría para explicar los acuerdos, teniendo en cuenta las directrices para la elección de representantes en los Comités de Fauna y Flora tal como se establece en la Resolución Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP 16).

Con el fin de facilitar el proceso de selección, se sugirió el siguiente calendario de las reuniones regionales en la CoP17:

Durante la reunión regional de las Partes (Domingo, 25 de septiembre de 2016 a las 09h00 - 12h00), los candidatos al CP, CA, CF serán revisados y discutidos. En este momento podrían ser anunciadas nuevas candidaturas para las suplencias al Comité Permanente.

Asimismo, las Partes solicitaron a la Secretaría reservar una sala para que la región pueda reunirse todas las mañanas de 08h00 - 09h00 durante toda la duración de la CoP17, a fin de permitir que los delegados de la región (regional o sub-regional) se reúnan para discutir sobre temas relevantes. Colombia y Guatemala como representantes regionales en el Comité Permanente ofreció enviar una solicitud oficial al respecto.

México y Guatemala expresaron su intención de realizar consultas bilaterales sobre cuestiones de interés común.

Los delegados consideraron que este tipo de reuniones preparatorias resultan muy útiles y alcanzarían su mayor potencial si las Partes pudieran asistir a la CoP.