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REPORT OF THE MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP

This document has been prepared by the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup of the Standing Committee in relation to agenda item 51.1.

1. The meetings of the subgroup were attended by Canada (Chair), Namibia (Vice Chair), Kenya, China, Belgium and Indonesia as members of the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup, Singapore as an observer country, TRAFFIC, member of the MIKE-ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG), the Secretariat, UNDOC and six NGO observers.
2. The CITES Secretariat provided an update on MIKE implementation. The MESHG noted this document.
3. TRAFFIC provided an update on ETIS implementation. The MESHG noted this document.
4. The CITES Secretariat provided an overview of issues raised and a proposed way forward concerning the operation and analysis of ETIS. Discussion centred around proposals set out in the paper 'ETIS Analysis and Engagement of the Parties'. This paper is available as an Information Document.
5. Contingent on the provision of external funding, the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup recommend that Standing Committee request TRAFFIC to:
 - a) Make available the programming code in the ETIS analysis through a repository hosting service, together with appropriate annotations and supporting documentation. This will be augmented with links to existing documents explaining the methods used in the analyses.
 - b) Finalise the delivery of an on-line facility for Parties to access, download or upload seizure data. Access will be restricted to designated individuals of CITES Management Authorities. Access to data will be provided in accordance with the data access policy outlined in Resolution Conf. 10:10 (Rev. CoP17).
 - c) Send the ETIS report to CoP18 to all Parties identified as potentially requiring attention in the NIAP process at least 30 days prior to the release of the report on the CITES website.
 - d) Produce materials that explain in a stepwise manner the ETIS analysis and conceptual framework. Materials will be targeted at a non-technical audience, in three languages, and made freely and widely available.
6. The Subgroup also recommends that the Standing Committee request all Parties to take note that these activities are priorities, but will only take place if additional funding can be provided.
7. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup recommend that that Standing Committee request the Secretariat, in collaboration with the MIKE-ETIS Technical Advisory Group, to prepare terms of reference for a review of the ETIS program including operations, data collection, validation and management, analysis and technical outputs, and an assessment of options for carrying out this review. These are to be presented to the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup at SC70, for consideration and recommendation to the Standing Committee on how to proceed. The review should consider and report as early as possible the technical aspects of the analytical framework.