CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Recommendation to suspend trade

1. At its 65th meeting (SC65, Geneva, July 2014), the Standing Committee directed a number of Parties, including the Lao People's Democratic Republic, to develop a national ivory action plan (NIAP). At the same meeting, the Standing Committee requested these Parties to submit a comprehensive progress report on the implementation of their NIAPs to the Secretariat by 15 September 2015.

2. A NIAP was received from the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 4 September 2015.

3. The Secretariat sent a letter to the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 22 June 2015 reminding the Party of the recommendations and reporting deadlines endorsed by the Standing Committee at its 65th meeting. The Secretariat sent a further letter to the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 27 November 2015, reiterating the SC65 endorsed recommendations and encouraging the Party to submit a NIAP progress report to the Secretariat so that it can be conveyed to the Standing Committee ahead of its 66th meeting (SC66, Geneva, January 2016). No report was however received and, at SC66, the Secretariat reported that the Lao People's Democratic Republic did not submit a report on progress with NIAP implementation as requested by the Standing Committee.

5. In the light of the above, the Standing Committee at SC66 adopted a recommendation that all Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Lao People's Democratic Republic until such time as this Party submit a progress report on NIAP implementation confirming that some progress has been made towards NIAP actions.

6. The Secretariat therefore informs all Parties to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with the Lao People's Democratic Republic in accordance with the Standing Committee recommendation, until further notice.

7. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under Documents / Trade suspensions.

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