



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/051

Geneva, 16 July 2020

CONCERNING:

73rd meeting of the Standing Committee

1. Although no formal announcement has been made, Parties may be aware that it was planned to hold the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee in Geneva, Switzerland from 5 to 9 October 2020.
2. As was the case for the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee and 25th meeting of the Plants Committee and explained in Notification to the Parties No. 2020/045, the Standing Committee considered the risks associated with holding a face-to-face meeting and alternative scenarios presented by the Secretariat, but concluded that the meeting will not take place on those dates.
3. The Standing Committee Chair will be consulting with the Secretariat and Members in the coming weeks to review the work given to the Committee by the Conference of the Parties in order to move the work forward, taking into account current constraints and the concerns raised by Committee Members.
4. The Secretariat will communicate any arrangements for taking the Standing Committee's work forward in due course.