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CONCERNING:

Guidelines for Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs)

1. The CITES Secretariat would like to bring to the attention of Parties and regional networks the Guidelines for Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs) developed under the auspices of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC).

2. The Guidelines outline the key considerations in the development of a new WEN and provide a self-assessment tool for existing WENs to evaluate their level of maturity and/or operational performance, as well as identifying areas to be strengthened.

3. The Guidelines, available in English, French and Spanish on the new ICCWC webpage, provide an important resource to be drawn upon in strengthening WENs and their role in the fight against wildlife crime.

4. The development of the Guidelines has been made possible with financial support from the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs of the United States Department of State.

5. Any questions concerning the Guidelines, or requests for support from ICCWC to implement them, can be sent to the CITES Secretariat (info@cites.org).