



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2021/013

Geneva, 28 January 2021

CONCERNING:

Intersessional work of the Standing Committee:  
New document for comment

1. As outlined in Notification to the Parties [No. 2020/067](#) of 5 November 2020, the Standing Committee is developing approaches to advance its work intersessionally. To ensure the transparency of the work of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat has created the following webpage: <https://cites.org/eng/com/sc/2020-2021.php>, where it publishes all documents pertaining to the intersessional work of the Committee.
2. The following draft Standing Committee document has been prepared by the Secretariat and is being circulated for comment:  
  
[SC2021 Doc. 1](#): Implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of the Convention: Preparing for the unexpected
3. The Secretariat invites Committee members, Parties and observers to submit comments on this draft by **28 February 2021**. Those comments will be considered when the Secretariat finalizes the document so it will be in an advanced state when the time comes to post it on the CITES website as a working document for the consideration of the Standing Committee.
4. The Secretariat further informs Parties that, as outlined in paragraph 5 of document SC2021 Doc. 1, it will soon be sending a survey to Management Authorities, Scientific Authorities and enforcement focal points to gather the experiences of Parties in implementing the Convention during the COVID-19 pandemic.