CONCERNING:

Summary records of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

1. The summary records of the 12th to 16th sessions of Committee I, 9th to 16th sessions of Committee II and second to fourth plenary sessions of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19) were not adopted by the Parties during the meeting. These draft summary records have been published on the CITES website: https://cites.org/eng/cop/19/summary-records in English, French and Spanish.

2. The Secretariat wishes to draw the Parties’ attention to an omission in summary record CoP19 Com. II Rec. 16 under agenda item 78 on Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.) that should also indicate that "The Committee accepted draft decisions 19.AA and 19.BB in document CoP19 Doc. 78," before the sentence starting with "The Committee agreed to adopt the draft decisions 19.CC, 19.EE and 19.FF."

3. Participants in the meeting who wish to make comments on the draft summary records are invited to send them to the Secretariat by writing to helene.gandois@cites.org by Friday 16 December 2022. The Secretariat will review the comments received, make any necessary amendment to the records and post final versions on the CITES website.

4. The Secretariat reminds Parties that Article XV 1 c) states that amendments to the Appendices adopted at a Conference of the Parties shall enter into force 90 days after that meeting. Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP18) states that Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties shall enter into effect 90 days after the meeting at which they are adopted, unless otherwise specified in the recommendation concerned.