



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/053

Geneva, 25 April 2023

CONCERNING:

Sponsored Delegates Project  
Call for financial support for the meetings of the Standing Committee

1. The Standing Committee is scheduled to convene in Geneva, Switzerland for its 77th meeting (SC77) from 6 to 10 November 2023 and for its 78th meeting (SC78) tentatively from 26 to 30 August 2024.
2. Pursuant to [Decision 19.10 a](#)) and subject to external funding, the Secretariat is directed to provide financial support for the participation in meetings of the Standing Committee of a maximum of two delegates from each developing country Party subject to an Article XIII process.
3. At the time of writing, there are 12 developing country Parties subject to an Article XIII process: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria and Togo.
4. The Secretariat hereby invites all governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and private bodies that might be able to provide financial support to inform the Secretariat of their intention to contribute to this important project as soon as possible. The fundraising target for this project is USD 168,000 to enable the Secretariat to provide an adequate level of support to eligible Parties to attend SC77. Any unspent funds will be used to support eligible Parties to attend SC78.
5. For any queries and to make offers, interested donors are requested to contact the Secretariat at [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org), with a copy to [panida.charotok@cites.org](mailto:panida.charotok@cites.org) with "Notification to Parties No. 053: Sponsored Delegates Project for SC77" in the subject line. In order to allow sufficient time to make the travel arrangements, offers for financial support to SC77 are accepted until **31 August 2023**. The final number of supported eligible Parties will depend on the funds raised.

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