



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/016

Geneva, 12 January 2024

CONCERNING:

SOMALIA

Recommendation to suspend trade for non-submission of annual reports

1. Considering the obligation of Parties to submit an annual report under the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a) of the Convention:
 7. *Each Party shall prepare periodic reports on its implementation of the present Convention and shall transmit to the Secretariat:*
 - (a) *an annual report containing a summary of the information specified in subparagraph (b) of paragraph 6 of this Article; and*

In accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19) on *National reports*, the Conference of the Parties:

14. *INSTRUCTS the Standing Committee to determine, on the basis of reports presented by the Secretariat, which Parties have failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution;*
 15. *RECOMMENDS that Parties not authorize trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with any Party that the Standing Committee has determined has failed, for three consecutive years and without having provided adequate justification, to provide the annual reports required under Article VIII, paragraph 7 (a), of the Convention within the deadline (or any extended deadline) provided in the present Resolution.*
2. At the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, November 2023), the Secretariat informed the Committee of the Parties that had not submitted their annual reports for three consecutive years.
 3. The Committee determined that Somalia had failed to provide its annual reports for three consecutive years without adequate justification and agreed that the Secretariat should issue a Notification to the Parties recommending a suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Somalia, unless it submitted its missing annual reports to the Secretariat within 60 days after the end of the 77th meeting.

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4. As the missing reports have not yet been submitted, the Secretariat hereby informs the Parties that, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP19), the Standing Committee recommends that they not authorize any commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Somalia until further notice.
5. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under [Documents / Trade suspensions](#).