

**CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA**

Thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Bangkok (Thailand), 2-14 October 2004

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

General compliance issues

GUIDELINES ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONVENTION

1. This document has been submitted by Ireland (on behalf of the Member States of the European Community).
2. At its 50th meeting (Geneva, 15 – 19 March 2004) (SC 50), the Standing Committee recommended that,

if there are discussions on compliance at the 13th Conference of the Parties (CoP 13) and if the agenda remains the same as adopted at SC 50, that those discussions should take into consideration document SC 50 Doc. 27, while understanding that that document was not agreed at SC 50 and there were still deliberations on-going. It further agreed to establish an inter-sessional Working Group to start off as a "nucleus", composed of members of the SC 50 Working Group, to further exchange information electronically on the revision of the draft guidelines on compliance. In addition, any Party, Observer, NGO or Non-Party could participate and work should be as transparent as possible.

3. The Netherlands on behalf of the European Community and its Member States hereby tables SC 50 Doc. 27 for discussion at CoP 13 taking into account the recommendations of SC 50 and the outcome of the deliberations of the inter-sessional Working Group on compliance by that time.
4. In view of the above, it is requested that the Conference of the Parties provides for an opportunity to have a substantive, open discussion and negotiation, ideally with a view to the adoption of the guidelines. Thus, a Compliance Working Group could work under the auspices of the CoP 13 and if necessary, continue its work post-CoP 13.