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**REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II**

In response to your Notification to Parks 2001/037, in connection with the above subject, Zimbabwe is submitting its comments attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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**COMMENTS ON THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT OF RESOLUTION  
CONFERENCE 9.24 ON CITES CRITERIA FOR THE AMENDMENT OF  
APPENDICES I AND II**

**ANNEX 4 | PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

Zimbabwe strongly opposes the deletion of Old Sub-paragraph C of paragraph 2 of Annex 4 (Precautionary measures). The adoption of such an amendment would oblige proponent parties, to prepare and submit new proposal to renew their export quotas at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties, since it is the practice within CITES to establish export quotas for a specific period of time to cover the interval between two meetings of the COP. This would be a cumbersome and costly task, for developing countries such as Zimbabwe. Developing countries are the vast majority of countries for which export quotas are established by the Conference of the Parties. Furthermore, for certain species such as the elephant which are subject to emotional or political considerations, the risk that the new quotas be refused after a previous acceptance may not be neglected. This was the case with the elephant proposal from Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe at COP II.

There is no need to re-enforce a precautionary approach, since any party, in particular the Depository Government, may submit at any COP, or for a postal consultation, a proposal to reduce quotas, to adopt zero quotas or to transfer a species to Appendix I.