

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



Fifty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 6-10 July 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFTERNOON

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman..... no document

The Secretary-General transmitted the apologies of Ambassador Cristián Maquieira, the Chair of the Standing Committee, for being unable to attend the present meeting, and introduced Nana Kofi Adu-Nsiah as the representative of Ghana, the Vice-Chair of the Committee, who was taking the chairmanship for this meeting.

The Chair of the meeting welcomed the participants and thanked the Committee for their confidence.

**Administrative matters**

2. Agenda ..... SC58 Doc. 2 (Rev. 1)

The provisional agenda was adopted without amendment.

3. Working programme ..... SC58 Doc. 3

The Secretariat announced requests for the following changes in the provisional working programme:

- a) item 8 (*Relationship with the United Nations Environment Programme*) to be discussed on Wednesday morning;
- b) item 12 (*Cooperation with the World Trade Organization*) to be discussed on Tuesday morning; and
- c) items 41 (*International expert workshop on non-detriment findings*) and 44 (*Periodic Review of the Appendices*) to be discussed on Wednesday.

With these changes, the working programme was adopted.

4. Rules of Procedure..... SC58 Doc. 4

The Chair requested the Secretariat to convene a working group, comprising Australia, Chile, China, Japan, Kenya, Peru, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, to consider the comments that had been made regarding the proposals in document SC58 Doc. 4 and to report to the Committee at a later session.

5. Credentials..... no document

The Secretariat reported that the delegation of one Party that was a member of the Committee had not submitted credentials and that credentials had also not been received from: nine of the 53

observer Parties that had registered delegations; one non-Party that had registered; and 17 of the 44 organizations that had been invited to participate.

6. Admission of observers ..... SC58 Doc. 6

The Committee agreed to the admission of all the organizations listed in the Annex to document SC58 Doc. 6.

7. Arrangements for the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

7.1 Preparation for CoP15 ..... no document

It was noted with appreciation that Qatar had confirmed that it would host the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) in Doha, from 13 to 25 March 2010.

7.2 Agenda ..... SC58 Doc. 7.2

The Committee approved the draft agenda for CoP15 in the Annex to document SC58 Doc. 7.2 without comment.

7.3 Working programme ..... SC58 Doc. 7.3

The Committee approved the draft working programme for CoP15 in the Annex to document SC58 Doc. 7.3 without comment.

7.4 Rules of Procedure ..... SC58 Doc. 7.4

The Committee noted document SC58 Doc. 7.4.

7.5 Selection of nominees for chairmanship of the committees ..... SC58 Doc. 7.5

The Committee noted the document and oral report of the Secretariat.

7.6 Sponsored Delegates Project ..... SC58 Doc. 7.6

The Committee encouraged Parties and organizations interested in providing financial support to contact the Secretariat.

**Strategic matters**

11. Review of the scientific committees ..... SC58 Doc. 11

The Committee agreed with the option in paragraph 7. a) of document SC58 Doc. 11, with the possible extra costs detailed in paragraph 8, but not that the chairmanship of the Animals and Plants Committees be on a fixed regional rotation basis in future. The Committee agreed that the chairs of the Animals and Plants Committees should be selected primarily for their technical expertise. The Committee requested the Secretariat to draft proposals reflecting this decision, as well as the views expressed at the present meeting, for submission and consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

13. Cooperation between Parties and promotion of multilateral measures ..... SC58 Doc. 13

The Standing Committee agreed to obtain, by 10 July 2009, nominations from Africa and Asia for membership in the Working Group and noted the progress that had been made on this issue to date.

14. CITES and livelihoods ..... SC58 Doc. 14

The Committee decided that the Chair of the Working Group should submit the draft toolkit and guidelines for consideration at the next meeting of the Standing Committee (SC59). The Committee would then decide whether to submit these documents for consideration at CoP15.

Compliance and enforcement

18. National laws for implementation of the Convention..... SC58 Doc. 18

The Standing Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 48 and 49 of document SC58 Doc. 18.