



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Decisions of the Standing Committee

1. At the 55th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC55, The Hague, 2 June 2007), the Committee was unfortunately unable to complete the consideration of the items on its agenda. At its 56th meeting (The Hague, 15 June 2007) the Committee decided that decisions regarding the remaining items would be made through the postal procedure foreseen in Rules 29 to 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee.
2. Consequently, the Standing Committee has discussed the issues that remained from the agenda and has agreed to the following:

#### regarding ranching operations

- a) to request Madagascar to put into effect the recommendations concerning ranching of the Nile crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus* in Madagascar and compliance with Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) that are presented in Annex 1 to document SC55 Doc. 13;
- b) to recommend that Madagascar, in implementing the annual-reporting recommendations of Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14), provide well-documented information on progress in implementing the recommendations in Annex 1 to document SC55 Doc. 13;
- c) to review the reports of Madagascar at SC57 and SC58; and
- d) to recommend that Parties allow the import of specimens of *C. niloticus* from Madagascar only if they are part of an annual export quota published on the CITES website;

#### regarding national laws for implementation of the Convention

- a) to identify Algeria, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Djibouti, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia and South Africa as countries requiring attention as a priority under the National Legislation Project; and
- b) at its 57th meeting, to review the legislative progress of all Parties and dependent territories that have not enacted adequate legislation by that time;

regarding the Review of Significant Trade

- a) to take note of paragraphs 7 and 8 of document SC55 Doc. 17; and
- b) that:
  - i) the Secretariat should indicate in its list of export quotas for 2008 that the export quota for wild live specimens of *Psittacus erithacus* from Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone is zero; and
  - ii) Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone should implement all the recommendations of the Animals Committee concerning *P. erithacus* within the agreed time-frame; and

regarding the periodic review of the Appendices: plants

to endorse the Plants Committee's list of taxa to be reviewed before the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in document SC55 Doc. 18, with the exception of the species deleted from the Appendices or transferred from one Appendix to another at the 14th meeting.

3. There was one further subject on the agenda of SC55 that was not discussed at that meeting, namely 'National reports'. After an initial exchange of views on this subject through the postal procedure, further discussion has been delayed until the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee, to be held in Geneva from 14 to 18 July 2008.