



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2009/039

Geneva, 24 August 2009

CONCERNING:

Election of regional members of the Standing Committee
and of the Animals and Plants Committees

1. The election of regional members and alternate regional members of the Standing Committee and of the Animals and Plants Committees takes place at regional meetings held during the regular meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The elected members and alternates are appointed by the Conference of the Parties, which also appoints the nomenclatural specialists in the Animals and Plants Committees.
2. A list of the current regional members of the Standing Committee and of the members of the Animals and Plants Committees is presented in Annex 1 to this Notification. The names of the members whose term ends at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15, to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 13 to 25 March 2010) appear in italics.
3. It should be noted that, although the nomenclatural specialists are not regionally elected, they have been included in the table in Annex 1 because they are subject to the same process for election.
4. The Conference of the Parties has adopted guidelines regarding the procedure to be followed for the selection of the above-mentioned members and alternate members. These are contained in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP14). The sections from that Resolution 'Regarding regional representation in the Standing Committee' and 'Regarding representation in the Animals and Plants Committees' are presented in Annex 2 to this Notification.
5. It should in particular be noted that the candidatures for membership of these Committees should be submitted at least 120 days before the meeting at which the elections are to take place, i.e. **by 13 November 2009** for elections to take place during CoP15.
6. With regard to candidatures for membership of the Standing Committee, the Conference has indicated that these should be submitted through the Secretariat. Therefore any candidatures received by the deadline will be sent to all Parties in the region concerned.
7. With regard to candidatures for membership of the Animals and Plants Committees, the Conference has indicated that proposals for candidates should be supported by the relevant governments in order to ensure as far as possible that they will obtain the necessary means to undertake their activities. The Conference of the Parties has further decided that the names of the candidates and their *curricula vitae* should be circulated to the Parties of the region concerned. In order to facilitate this communication, any such candidatures received

from Management Authorities by the deadline of 13 November 2009 will be circulated by the Secretariat.

8. The Secretariat takes this opportunity to inform the Parties that, as the total number of Parties in the European region has now reached 47, this region is now entitled to be represented by four members in the Standing Committee, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP14). Therefore, during CoP15, the European region should elect an additional member and alternate member of the Standing Committee, whose term of office will start immediately after that meeting.

Annex 1

Regionally elected committee members and alternate members

Members and alternate members whose term ends at the close of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties are indicated in italics.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Member	Alternate
Africa	
- Democratic Republic of the Congo	- Mali
- <i>Ghana</i>	- <i>Egypt</i>
- <i>Kenya</i>	- <i>Uganda</i>
- <i>Zambia</i>	- <i>Botswana</i>
Asia	
- <i>China</i>	- <i>India</i>
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)	- Kuwait
- <i>Japan</i>	- <i>Jordan</i>
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
- <i>Chile</i>	- <i>Colombia</i>
- Costa Rica	- Guatemala
- <i>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</i>	- <i>Dominica</i>
Europe	
- Bulgaria	- Italy
- <i>Iceland</i>	- Norway
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	- Czech Republic
- <i>new vacancy</i>	- <i>new vacancy</i>
North America	
- <i>Canada</i>	- <i>Mexico</i>
Oceania	
- <i>Australia</i>	- <i>Fiji</i>

ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Member	Alternate
Africa	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Khaled Zahzah Tunisia - <i>Mr Richard Kiome Bagine</i> <i>Kenya</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Mustafa Ahmed Mahmoud Egypt - Mr Moses Maurihungirire Namibia
Asia	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms Siti Nuramaliati Prijono</i> <i>Indonesia</i> - Mr Mohammad Pourkazemi Iran (Islamic Republic of) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Choo-Hoo Giam</i> <i>Singapore</i> - Mr Nobuo Ishii Japan
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Marcel Enzo Calvar Agrelo Uruguay - Mr José Alberto Álvarez Lemus Cuba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Nereyda Margarita Estrada Andino Honduras - <i>Mr Alvaro José Velasco Barbieri</i> <i>Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela</i>
Europe	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Carlos Ibero Solana Spain - Mr Thomas Althaus Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Radu Suciu Romania - Mr Colmán Ó Críodáin Ireland
North America	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Rodrigo A. Medellín Mexico 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Rosemarie Gnam United States of America
Oceania	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Rod Hay</i> <i>New Zealand</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr John Aruga</i> <i>Papua New Guinea</i>
Specialist on zoological nomenclature	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Ute Grimm Germany 	

PLANTS COMMITTEE

Member	Alternate
Africa	
– <i>Mr David L.N. Hafashimana</i> <i>Uganda</i>	– <i>Mr Koffi Akpagana</i> <i>Togo</i>
– <i>Ms Beatrice Khayota</i> <i>Kenya</i>	– <i>Mr Quentin Luke</i> <i>Kenya</i>
Asia	
– <i>Mr Tukirin Partomihardjo</i> <i>Indonesia</i>	– <i>Mr Mohd Yunus Zakaria</i> <i>Malaysia</i>
– <i>Mr Wichar Thitiprasert</i> <i>Thailand</i>	– <i>Mr M. Sanjappa</i> <i>India</i>
Central and South America and the Caribbean	
– <i>Ms Mariana de Jesús Mites Cadena</i> <i>Ecuador</i>	– <i>Ms Adriana Rivera Brusatin</i> <i>Colombia</i>
– <i>Ms Dora Ingrid Rivera</i> <i>Costa Rica</i>	– <i>Mr Milcíades Mejía</i> <i>Dominican Republic</i>
Europe	
– <i>Ms Margarita Clemente Muñoz</i> <i>Spain</i>	– <i>Ms Nika Debeljak Sabec</i> <i>Slovenia</i>
– <i>Mr Maurizio Sajeve</i> <i>Italy</i>	– <i>Mr Jonas Lüthy</i> <i>Switzerland</i>
North America	
– <i>Mr Robert R. Gabel</i> <i>United States of America</i>	– <i>Ms Adrienne Sinclair</i> <i>Canada</i>
Oceania	
– <i>Mr Greg Leach</i> <i>Australia</i>	– <i>Mr Osia Gideon</i> <i>Papua New Guinea</i>
Specialist on botanical nomenclature	
– <i>Mr Noel McGough</i> <i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i>	

Extract from Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP14)

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

Regarding regional representation in the Standing Committee

RECOMMENDS that the following guidelines be implemented:

A. Selection of regional members and alternate regional members

- a) In the selection of regional members and alternate regional members, the following considerations should be taken into account:
 - i) for regions with one member and one alternate member, a rotation in the selection is recommended; and
 - ii) for regions with more than one member and one alternate member, the selection should try to achieve a balanced representation (geopolitical, cultural, ecological);
- b) The regional candidatures should be officially submitted by the interested Parties through a governmental channel, at least 120 days before a meeting of the Conference of the Parties. These candidatures should be communicated to all the Parties of the region through the Secretariat;
- c) If more candidatures are submitted than there are positions available for any region, a vote should take place in a session of the Parties of that region to be held during the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. To be elected, a candidate should obtain an absolute majority (i.e. more than half the votes). Only the delegations duly accredited by the Conference should have the right to vote. The election should take place during the second week of the meeting; and
- d) The election of a member and of the alternate should take place at the end of the term of office of their predecessors, in accordance with the above-mentioned procedure, through successive votes during a single process; and

B. Timing of replacement of members and alternate members

- a) The terms of office of the regional members and their alternates shall commence at the close of the regular meeting at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the second regular meeting thereafter;
- b) For regions with one member and one alternate member, the selection should occur at every second meeting; and
- c) For regions with more than one member and one alternate member, to guarantee some continuity, not all members and alternate members should be changed at the same meeting;

Regarding representation in the Animals and Plants Committees

RECOMMENDS that the following guidelines be implemented:

A. Election of the candidates

- a) Parties proposing candidates as representatives should confirm, at the time of nomination, that the candidate will be supported and that they will obtain the necessary means to undertake their activities;
- b) The names of the proposed candidates, and their *curricula vitae*, should be circulated to the Parties of the region concerned at least 120 days before the meeting of the Conference of the Parties at which the representatives will be elected. Although not regional representatives the same process should apply to candidates seeking election as specialists on botanical and zoological nomenclature;
- c) Ideally the candidates should be associated with a Scientific Authority, have adequate knowledge of CITES and receive sufficient institutional support to carry out their duties. This information should also be included in the *curricula vitae*; and
- d) As long as the representatives are persons, a Party shall not be accepted as a proposed candidate subject to a later identification of the person concerned by the Party; and

B. Timing of replacement of regional members and alternate members

- a) The procedure should be the same as that described above for the Standing Committee;
- b) As alternate members are alternates of specified members, they should be elected at the same time as the members;
- c) If a region wishes to re-elect a member or alternate member, there is nothing to prevent it from doing so; and
- d) in the event that no nominations be received before the deadline the incumbent shall remain, if so willing and able, as an representative until a replacement is elected