CONSERVATION OF AND TRADE IN GREAT APES [RESOLUTION CONF. 13.4]

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. At its 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 13.4 on Conservation of and trade in great apes.

3. The Resolution is mainly directed to Parties, range States of great apes, the Secretariat and the Standing Committee. The Secretariat is directed to report on the implementation of the Resolution at each regular meeting of the Standing Committee, which in turn should review such implementation and report to each of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

4. The Resolution inter alia urges the Animals Committee (as well as the Secretariat and the Standing Committee) to work closely with GRASP (Great Ape Survival Project), and to explore and implement other measures through which the Convention can contribute to the conservation of great apes and to the promotion of public awareness of the threat posed to great ape populations by illegal trade.

5. The Secretariat will report orally to the Animals Committee what action, if any, it has undertaken in the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf.13.4, and particularly regarding the matters mentioned in paragraph 4 above. The Secretariat welcomes suggestions from the Animals Committee on how collaboration with GRASP might best be put into practice, and on realistic measures which may contribute to the conservation of great apes.