TIME AND VENUE OF THE 22ND MEETING OF THE ANIMALS COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. The Conference of the Parties has agreed in Resolution Conf. 13.1, second AGREES, that:

   b) all meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees should be held back-to-back and in the same place, and every other meeting should be convened in Geneva unless a candidate host country pays the difference in costs between its proposed venue and Geneva; and

   c) no more than two regular meetings of the Standing Committee and no more than two meetings each of the Animals and Plants Committees should be convened between meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

3. The timing of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14) has yet to be confirmed but it is likely to be in the period March-May 2007. In order to allow the scientific committees adequate time to prepare their documents for CoP14, they should therefore hold their next meetings between July and September 2006.

4. The Secretariat proposes to issue a Notification to the Parties inviting offers to host the next meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees in the period July-September 2006. However, any host country will need to be aware that the meetings of both Committees will have to be held back-to-back and in the same place.