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

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Transport of live specimens

REVIEW OF RESOLUTION CONF. 10.21 ON TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. At its 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 13.89 concerning the transport of live specimens as follows:

   The Animals Committee, in consultation with the Plants Committee and the Secretariat, shall:

   a) undertake a review of Resolution Conf. 10.21 on Transport of live animals, in order to inter alia:

      i) revise the requirements regarding the collection, submission and analysis of data on mortality and injury or damage to health in transport of live animals, domestic measures directed to Parties, and reporting obligations;

      ii) incorporate references to the transport of live plants; and

      iii) clarify how IATA manuals and regulations can be mechanisms through which up-to-date guidance on the transport of live animals and plants of CITES-listed species can be provided, replacing the CITES Guidelines for transport and preparation for shipment of live wild animals and plants; and

   b) report at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of this Decision.

3. At its 21st meeting (Geneva, May 2005), the Animals Committee established a Transport Working Group and agreed on a process to implement this Decision in the course of 2005 and 2006. This should have resulted in a document from the Transport Working Group with a draft revision of Resolution Conf. 10.21 for consideration at the present meeting [see document AC21 WG4 Doc. 1 (Rev. 1)]. However, no document was submitted by the agreed deadline (8 May 2006).

Issues for consideration

4. The Animals Committee is invited to proceed with the implementation of Decision 13.89 in consultation with the Plants Committee and the Secretariat, and ensure that a revision of Resolution Conf. 10.21 is concluded in time for consideration at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.