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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Establishment of the Nomenclature Committee of the Conference of the Parties

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RECOGNIZING that biological nomenclature of species may differ from country to country;

NOTING that such biological nomenclature is not static;

RECOGNIZING that the nomenclature used in the Appendices to the Convention will be most useful to the Parties if standardized;

RECALLING that Recommendation Conf. S.S. 1.7, adopted at the special working session of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva, 1977), recognized the need for the standardization of the nomenclature used in the Appendices;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RESOLVES:

a) to re-establish the Nomenclature Committee of the Conference of the Parties, with the following terms of reference:

within the policy agreed to by the Conference of the Parties, the Nomenclature Committee shall:

- i) cause standardized nomenclatural references for animal and plant taxa, to the level of subspecies or botanical variety and including synonyms, to be prepared, or propose for adoption existing nomenclatural references, as appropriate, for all species listed in the Appendices to the Convention;
- ii) upon its acceptance of a new or updated reference (or part thereof) for a given taxon, **after following the procedure described below**, present this to the Conference of the Parties for adoption as the standard reference for that taxon;
- iii) ensure that the highest priorities in developing the standard reference lists of animal and plant names and synonyms be:
 - A. species names of animals and plants listed at the species level in the Appendices;
 - B. generic names of animals and plants listed at the genus or family level in the Appendices; and
 - C. family names of animals and plants listed at the family level in the Appendices;
- iv) review the existing Appendices with regard to the correct use of zoological and botanical nomenclature;

- v) upon request from the Secretariat, review proposals to amend the Appendices to ensure that correct names for the species and other taxa in question are used;
 - vi) ensure that changes in nomenclature recommended by a Party do not alter the scope of protection of the taxon concerned; and
 - vii) make recommendations on nomenclature to the Conference of the Parties, other committees, working groups and the Secretariat;
- b) that the Nomenclature Committee shall comprise two individuals appointed by the Conference of the Parties; one zoologist to address nomenclatural issues for animal taxa and one botanist for plant taxa; and
- c) that these two scientists shall coordinate, monitor and analyse the input needed from specialists in fulfilling the responsibilities assigned by the Parties, communicate regularly with the Animals and Plants Committees in order to keep them informed at each meeting about the progress made, and report well in time to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and

RECOMMENDS the following procedure for updating current standard nomenclature references and adoption of new ones:

1. The process for updating current standard nomenclature references and adoption of new ones shall be initiated directly by the Nomenclature Committee on its own initiative or by the submission of a proposal to the Nomenclature Committee by:

- a) one or more Parties;
- b) the Animals or Plants Committees, on their own initiative; and
- c) the Secretariat, on its own initiative or in response to information it has received from the Parties.

2. Proposed changes shall be based on recognized taxonomic publications. In the case the proposed amendment to the nomenclatural status of the taxon is still under discussion, the new taxonomy should not be adopted.

3. The Nomenclature Committee will discuss the proposals during its meetings and will present its recommendation to the Plants Committees for input before submitting them for adoption by the Conference of the parties.

4. Final recommendations to update current or adopt new standard nomenclature references should be made available 150 days prior to every meeting of the Conference of the parties.

DETERMINES the following principles for the payment of travel expenses to members of the Nomenclature Committee:

- a) the Secretariat shall make provisions in its budget for the payment, if requested, of reasonable and justifiable travel expenses of members to attend one Committee meeting per calendar year;
- b) members should make every effort to pay their own travel expenses; and
- c) travel arrangements for sponsored members will be made by the Secretariat in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the United Nations and, where applicable, claims for refunds must be supported by receipts and be submitted to the Secretariat within 30 days from the completion of the travel; and

DIRECTS the Secretariat, to the extent possible, to provide funding from outside sources to cover the production costs of publications prepared by the Committee.