

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



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Committee II

Internet trade in specimens of CITES-listed species

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Directed to the Secretariat

14.XX The Secretariat should:

- a) request, through a Notification issued after the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, information from Parties regarding:
 - i) the scale and nature of wildlife trade via the Internet that apparently involves their country;
 - ii) perceived problems relating to such trade, including illicit trade;
 - iii) the effectiveness of any measures that Parties have taken to address the trade in wildlife via the Internet, including the use of codes of conduct; and
 - iv) any changes in trade routes and methods of shipment that have been observed as a result of increased use of the Internet to promote trade in wildlife.
- b) using the services of a suitably-qualified consultant, review the information submitted by Parties and prepare a background document for consideration at a workshop;
- c) seek external funding to convene a workshop on wildlife trade via the Internet, to which the following should be invited to participate: CITES Management Authority and enforcement officials from Parties with emerging or existing wildlife trade via the Internet; experts on Internet trade; owners of relevant websites and Internet service providers; ICPO-Interpol and the World Customs Organization; and representatives of other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;
- d) publish the outcomes of the workshop, including any recommendations, on the CITES website seeking additional comments; and
- e) report on this matter at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee.

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14.XX The Standing Committee should review the Secretariat's report at its 58th meeting and determine whether additional measures are necessary including, if appropriate, directing the

Secretariat to prepare a discussion document and draft resolution for consideration at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.