

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



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Committee II

National laws for implementation of the Convention

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Directed to the Parties

- 14.XX Before the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee, any Party or dependent territory that has been party to the Convention for five or more years, with legislation in Category 2 or 3, should:
- a) submit to the Secretariat, in one of the working languages of the Convention, newly enacted legislation for implementation of the Convention; or
 - b) provide adequate justification for its failure to do so.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 14.XX With respect to Parties and dependent territories that do not comply with Decision 14.XX or decisions of the Standing Committee in relation to national laws for implementation of the Convention, the Standing Committee shall consider appropriate compliance measures, which may include recommendations to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species to and from such Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 14.XX The Secretariat shall:
- a) compile and review the information submitted by Parties on legislation adopted before the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) to fulfil the requirements laid down in the text of the Convention and Resolution Conf. 8.4;
 - b) prepare or revise the analyses of national legislation and the categories, and advise the Parties concerned of the initial or revised analyses, specifying any requirements that are not yet met;
 - c) provide technical assistance to Parties requesting advice in the formulation of legislative proposals for CITES implementation by providing, to the extent resources are available:
 - i) legal guidance in the preparation of necessary legislative measures; or

- ii) training of CITES authorities and other relevant bodies responsible for the formulation of wildlife trade policies or legislation; or
 - iii) any specific support relevant to the fulfilment of the legislative requirements for the implementation of CITES and also consider assisting Parties requesting it to assist implementing agencies with advising their governments of the need to enact adequate national laws;
- d) on the basis of information, *inter alia*, provided in Parties' biennial reports, compile good examples and prepare specialized material for the development of more effective legislation, especially in relation to verification of the legal acquisition of specimens in trade, incorporation of exemptions and special procedures, adoption of appropriate and proportionate penalties and enactment of legislation for specific species or specimens;
- e) report at the 57th and 58th meetings of the Standing Committee on Parties' progress in enacting adequate legislation and, if necessary, recommend the adoption of appropriate compliance measures, including suspension of trade;
- f) identify for the Standing Committee any countries that require attention as a priority under the National Legislation Project; and
- g) report at CoP15 on:
- i) the legislation adopted by the Parties to implement the Convention and any recommendations relating to Parties that have not adopted adequate legislation for implementation of the Convention; and
 - ii) any progress concerning technical assistance provided to the Parties in the development of their national legislation for implementation of CITES.