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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Committee I

International expert workshop on non-detriment Findings

Report of the Animals and Plants Committees

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Regarding non-detriment findings

Directed to the Parties

15.XX Parties:

- a) are encouraged to consider the outputs of the International Expert Workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (Cancun, November 2008) to enhance CITES Scientific Authorities' capacities, particularly those related to the methodologies, tools, information, expertise and other resources needed to formulate non-detriment findings;
- b) are encouraged, taking into account Res. Conf. 10.3, to prioritize activities such as workshops on capacity building to better understand what non-detriment findings are and how to enhance the ways to formulate them; and
- c) are encouraged to report their findings regarding a) and b) to the 25th and 26th AC and 19th and 20th PC meetings.

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

15.XX The Animals and Plants Committees shall:

- a) review feedback received from Parties on the outputs from the international expert workshop on non-detriment findings and advise on a path forward on how best to use the outputs to assist Scientific Authorities in the making of non-detriment findings;
- b) prepare a discussion paper for consideration at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties with options on how to use the workshop outputs, including, if considered appropriate, a draft resolution on the establishment of non legally binding guidelines for the making of, non-detriment findings; and
- c) review the non-detriment finding training materials used by the CITES Secretariat when conducting regional capacity-building workshops and provide advice for their improvement.

- d) Taking account of the results of the International Expert Workshop on Non-detriment Findings (Cancun, November 2008) and the responses to Notification to the Parties 2009/023 of 8 June 2009, the Animals and Plants Committees shall:
- i) establish the mechanism for reporting from the Parties on their findings in an open and inter-sessions process;
 - ii) prepare draft guidance on the making on non-detriment findings at their 25th and 19th and 26th and 20th meetings respectively;
 - iii) submit this draft guidance to the Secretariat to be conveyed to Parties for comment in a Notification to the Parties; and
 - iv) review comments received from Parties and prepare revised draft guidance as a tool for making non-detriment findings for submission at and consideration by the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

15.xx The Secretariat shall:

- a) include non-detriment findings as a principal component of their regional capacity-building workshops; and
- b) use the external funds offered from interested Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and other funding sources to translate the guidelines into Arabic, Chinese and Russian and to support activities for capacity building on non-detriment findings in regional workshops.