

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/1719

of 8 July 2019

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP 18)

(Geneva, Switzerland, 17-28 August 2019)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1) thereof, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union acceded to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) by Council Decision (EU) 2015/451 ⁽¹⁾. CITES has been implemented in the Union by Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article XI(3) of CITES, the Conference of the Parties (CoP) may, inter alia, adopt amendments to the CITES Appendices.
- (3) The CoP, during its 18th meeting from 17 to 28 August 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland (CITES CoP 18), is to adopt decisions on 57 proposals to amend the CITES Appendices, as well as on numerous other matters related to the implementation and interpretation of CITES.
- (4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf at CITES CoP 18, as the amendments to the CITES Appendices will be binding on the Union and its Member States and several other decisions will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, in particular Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 ⁽³⁾ and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 792/2012 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (5) The proposed position to be taken on the different proposals at CITES CoP 18 is based on expert analysis of their merits, in the light of the best available scientific and technical evidence,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be adopted on behalf of the Union, as regards matters falling within the competences of the Union, at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP 18) is set out in the Annexes to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/451 of 6 March 2015 concerning the accession of the European Union to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (OJ L 75, 19.3.2015, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (OJ L 61, 3.3.1997, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 of 4 May 2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (OJ L 166, 19.6.2006, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 792/2012 of 23 August 2012 laying down rules for the design of permits, certificates and other documents provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 (OJ L 242, 7.9.2012, p. 13).

Article 2

Where the position referred to in Article 1 is likely to be affected by new scientific or technical information presented after the adoption of this Decision and before or during CITES CoP 18, or where revised or new proposals are made at that meeting on which there is not yet a Union position, the Union position shall be developed by means of on-the-spot coordination before the Conference of the Parties (CoP) is called to decide on those proposals. In such cases, the Union position shall be consistent with the principles laid down in the Annexes to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 8 July 2019.

For the Council
The President
A.K. PEKONEN

ANNEX I

Union Position on key issues to be discussed at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP 18)

(Geneva, Switzerland, 17-28 August 2019)

A. General considerations

1. The Union considers the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) a key international convention for species protection and biodiversity conservation and against wildlife trafficking.
2. The Union should adopt an ambitious position for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CITES CoP 18), in line with relevant Union policies and international commitments in these fields, in particular the targets relating to wildlife under Sustainable Development Goal 15, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets agreed under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the CITES Strategic Vision ⁽¹⁾ and UN General Assembly Resolution 71/326 on wildlife trafficking. The Union's position should also serve to attain the relevant objectives set out at Union level through the Council Conclusions of 21 June 2011 on the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and the Council Conclusions of 20 June 2016 on the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking, and through the EU Action Plan on the Conservation and Management of Sharks.
3. The priorities for the Union at CITES CoP 18 should be to:
 - fully use the CITES instruments to regulate international trade in endangered animals and plants species which are subject to unsustainable levels of trade, pursuing a science-based approach; and
 - reinforce the response by the international community against wildlife trafficking.
4. The Union's position on proposals for amendments of the CITES Appendices should be based on the conservation status of the species concerned and on the impact that trade has or may have on the status of that species. To this end, the most relevant and robust scientific advice should be taken into consideration for the assessment of listing proposals in accordance with the provisions in Resolution Conf. 9.24 on the criteria for amendment of CITES Appendices I and II.
5. The Union's position should take account of the contribution that CITES controls can make towards improvement of species' conservation status, while acknowledging the efforts of those countries that have implemented effective conservation measures. The Union should ensure that the decisions taken at CITES CoP 18 maximise the efficiency of CITES, by minimising unnecessary administrative burdens and by achieving practical, cost-effective and workable solutions to implementation and monitoring issues.
6. The Conference of the Parties (CoP) is the governing body of CITES and a number of decisions adopted at CITES CoP 18 will be implemented by the Standing Committee, which is the main CoP subsidiary body. The Union's position adopted for CITES CoP 18 should therefore also guide the Union's approach at the 71st and 72nd meetings of the Standing Committee, taking place directly before and after CITES CoP 18.

⁽¹⁾ CITES Resolution Conf. 14.2, due to be updated at CoP 18 (see paragraph 5, below).

B. Specific issues

7. 57 proposals for amending the CITES Appendices have been tabled for consideration at CITES CoP 18. 12 of these proposals have been submitted by the Union as the main proponent or as co-proponent, and their adoption should naturally also be supported by the Union. The views of the range States of the species concerned by the proposals should receive particular attention. The Union also considers that, as a general rule, support should be given to proposals to amend CITES Appendices which are the result of work by the CITES Animals and Plants Committees and the Standing Committee. The assessment of the proposals by the CITES Secretariat and by IUCN/Traffic^(?) and, in the case of commercially exploited marine species, the assessment by the FAO dedicated expert panel will be reviewed.
8. In line with its well-established position, the Union reaffirms that CITES is an appropriate instrument to regulate international trade in marine species when the conservation status of such species is affected by trade and when the species are or may become threatened with extinction. The Union specifically advocates, inter alia, the inclusion in CITES Appendix II of three species of teatfish of the genus *Holothuria* (*Microthele*), given the excessive exploitation and significant volumes of international trade in those species.
9. The Union notes that considerable work has been done in recent years to build capacity for the implementation of CITES, not least with regard to marine species, including through the Union's financial support. The Union supports better coordination between CITES, other organisations and multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), acting within their respective mandates, with the aim of improving governance and increasing complementarity. Specifically, the Union co-sponsored the proposals for inclusion of certain species of sharks (shortfin mako and longfin mako – *Isurus oxyrinchus* and *I. paucus*) and rays (giant guitarfishes – *Glaucostegus* spp. – and wedgefishes – *Rhinidae* spp.) in CITES Appendix II.
10. At CITES CoP 17, additional rosewood species (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*, three *Guibourtia* species and *Dalbergia* spp.) were inserted into CITES Appendix II, to better control international trade in these tropical timber species. It is important for the Union to ensure that the current annotation #15 be amended to focus on those specimens which first appear in international trade and to avoid unnecessary administrative and enforcement burdens. The Union therefore supports the consensus amendment to annotation #15 reached at the 70th meeting of the Standing Committee, as reflected in its listing proposal No 52 to CITES CoP 18. The Union will remain open to potential final improvements which may emerge from consultations with other parties to CITES. In line with its commitment to better control imports of timber from Central Africa, the Union co-proposed broadening the scope of the current CITES listing of afrormosia (*Pericopsis elata*) in CITES Appendix II.
11. The Union should also support cross-cutting efforts for more effective regulation of international trade in endangered wildlife, including the proposed Resolution on the verification of legal acquisition, which builds on the outcomes of a dedicated workshop hosted by the Union in June 2018. The adoption by CITES CoP 18 of a new Strategic Vision for CITES for the years 2021 to 2030 provides an opportunity to consolidate, and where necessary clarify, the role of CITES in the broader context of international environmental governance, including the post-2020 biodiversity framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity.
12. The Union's position on proposals related to wildlife trafficking should be consistent with the three priorities identified in the Council Conclusions of 20 June 2016 on the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking, namely:
 - preventing wildlife trafficking and addressing its root causes;
 - implementing and enforcing existing rules and combating organised wildlife crime more effectively; and
 - strengthening the global partnership of source, consumer and transit countries against wildlife trafficking.

The position should also take into account the Commission's Progress report on the implementation of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking.

(?) The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and TRAFFIC are specialised in wildlife trade issues and provide a thorough assessment of proposals to amend CITES Appendices before each CITES CoP.

Consistent with the first priority, the Union is supportive of a better protection through CITES of species currently imported into the Union at unsustainable levels or illegally (notably for the exotic pet trade). Therefore, the Union co-sponsored certain proposals to amend the CITES Appendices in relation to various species of reptiles and amphibians, in particular several species of geckos and newts, and is supportive of other proposals as appropriate.

13. In line with the second and third priorities, the Union supports strong measures for the implementation of CITES by its Parties. It advocates a clear timeline with monitoring mechanisms (including possible trade sanctions) in respect of those Parties which repeatedly fail to implement their obligations under CITES. This is particularly important in order to address poaching and trafficking affecting elephants, rhinoceros, Asian big cats, rosewood and pangolins.
 14. Several proposals presented to CITES CoP 18 focus on issues related to sustainable use, livelihoods and rural communities. The Union should support such proposals to the extent that they help ensure that relevant information is reflected in existing processes, in line with CITES. The creation of additional processes or structures with significant costs and uncertain benefits should be avoided.
 15. Elephant poaching and ivory trafficking continue at alarmingly high levels. Also, the level of rhinoceros poaching and rhino horn trafficking continues to be high, undermining conservation efforts and posing a serious threat to rhinoceros populations. Both the Union and its Member States have provided considerable support to African countries in order to improve wildlife conservation and tackle wildlife trafficking. The Union is committed to continuing to stand by its African partners and to increasing its efforts in that regard, in line with the Council Conclusions concerning the Commission Communication on the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking. The Union recognises the conservation efforts made by certain African range States, but the high levels of poaching and trafficking remain of considerable concern for the Union. The Union's priority for all CITES CoP 18 agenda items relating to these species should be to support action directly addressing those problems.
 16. The Union notes that several, partly conflicting, proposals have been tabled by Parties in relation to legal trade in elephant ivory. International trade in ivory is currently banned under the CITES framework. The Union considers that the conditions for re-authorising such trade are not met and will oppose any change to the current CITES regime which could result in relaxing the current ban on international trade in elephant ivory or resumption of international trade in elephant ivory. With regard to domestic ivory markets, the Union should continue to support proportionate, effective measures based on the best available evidence, within the scope of CITES.
 17. The Union considers that the Rules of Procedure for the CoP must not deviate from the text of CITES, including paragraphs 2 to 6 of Article XXI thereof. Any attempts to add provisions which would subject the exercise of the Union's rights as a Party to conditions not foreseen in CITES should be firmly rejected.
 18. The wildlife trafficking crisis, combined with the extension of the scope of CITES to new species and Parties, means that more activities have been brought under the CITES umbrella in recent years and that the workload of the CITES Secretariat has considerably increased. The Union should take these developments into account when deciding on its priorities at CITES CoP 18 and on its contribution to the CITES Trust Fund.
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ANNEX II

UNION POSITION ON CERTAIN PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE 18TH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES COP 18)

(GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 17-28 AUGUST 2019)

'+' indicates a position in favour	'-' indicates a position against	'0' indicates an open position
'(+)' indicates support conditional on amendments to the proposal		
'(-)' indicates opposition to be reconsidered if the proposal is significantly amended		

Working Documents

No	Agenda item	Proponent (*)	Comments	Position
Opening ceremony				
Administrative and financial matters				
1.	Election of Chair, Alternate Chair and Vice-Chairs of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II		No document	
2.	Adoption of the agenda			
3.	Adoption of the working programme			
4.	Rules of Procedure			
4.1	Rules of Procedure for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties CoP18 Doc. 4.1	Sec.	Take note of doc. containing current RoP, which will remain valid unless and until amended by CoP (cf. Rule 32).	
4.2	Review of the Rules of Procedure CoP18 Doc. 4.2	SC	Support for keeping RoP unchanged at CoP 18; also support new mandate for SC to review Rule 25 (<i>Procedure for deciding on amendments to Appendices</i>) by CoP 19.	+
5.	Credentials Committee			
5.1	Establishment of the Credentials Committee (no document)		No document	

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5.2	Report of the Credentials Committee (no document)		No document	
6.	Admission of observers			
7.	Administration, finance and budget of the Secretariat and of meetings of the Conference of the Parties			
7.1	Administration of the Secretariat CoP18 Doc. 7.1			
7.2	Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative and other matters			
7.3	Financial reports for 2016-2019 CoP18 Doc. 7.3			
	Annex 1: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2016 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A1			
	Annex 2: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2016 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A2			
	Annex 3: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2016 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A3			
	Annex 4: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2017 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A4			
	Annex 5: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2017 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A5			
	Annex 6: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2017 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A6			
	Annex 7: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2018 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A7			
	Annex 8: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2018 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A8			

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	Annex 9: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – annual distribution of the unpaid contributions as of 31 December 2018 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A9			
	Annex 10: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 December 2018 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A10			
	Annex 11: Statement of financial performance and position for the year ended 31 December 2017 CoP18 Doc. 7.3 A11			
	Annex 12: Financial report on costed programme of work for 2019 (up to 31 March 2019)			
	Annex 13: CITES Trust Fund (CTL) – status of contributions as of 31 March 2019			
	Annex 14: CITES External Trust Fund (QTL) – status of contributions as of 31 March 2019			
7.4	Budget and work programme for 2020 to 2022 CoP18 Doc. 7.4			
	Annex 1: Draft Resolution on <i>Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2020-2022</i> CoP18 Doc. 7.4 A1			
	Annex 2: Budget scenario – zero real growth CoP18 Doc. 7.4 A2			
	Annex 3: Budget scenario – zero nominal growth CoP18 Doc. 7.4 A3			
	Annex 4: Budget scenario – incremental growth CoP18 Doc. 7.4 A4			
7.5	Access to funding, including GEF funding CoP18 Doc. 7.5			
7.6	Sponsored delegates project CoP18 Doc. 7.6	Sec.	Support for keeping current selection criteria; Secretariat to explore extension of the project from CoP to Committee meetings.	+

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8.	Draft resolution on language strategy for the Convention CoP18 Doc. 8	IQ	Unclear why Arabic should be added as official CITES language but not other UN languages (Chinese, Russian). Budgetary implications and potential further delays in document production militate against the proposal.	-
Strategic matters				
9.	Committee reports and recommendations			
	9.1 Standing Committee			
	9.1.1 Report of the Chair CoP18 Doc. 9.1.1			
	9.1.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members (no document)			
	9.2 Animals Committee			
	9.2.1 Report of the Chair			
	9.2.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members (no document)			
	9.3 Plants Committee			
	9.3.1 Report of the Chair CoP18 Doc. 9.3.1			
	9.3.2 Election of new regional and alternate regional members (no document)			
10.	CITES Strategic Vision post-2020 CoP18 Doc. 10	SC	Support for adoption of revised Strategic Vision as amended by the Secretariat; also support amended draft decisions to task Secretariat to compare objectives with existing decisions, resolutions; mandate SC to work on indicators.	+
11.	Review of the Convention	CO, NA, ZW	Raises some relevant issues as regards livelihoods and review of Appendices. However, the proposal seems biased in its current form and scope, as well as insufficiently prepared, based on historical deliberations without in-depth reflection of increasingly complex wildlife trade and conservation challenges, and given the potentially far-reaching consequences. Addressees of draft Decisions are not specified.	(-)

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12.	Securing better implementation of marine fish species listings in the Appendices CoP18 Doc. 12	AG	Acknowledge that support for more effective implementation of marine listings is still needed. However, review of the effectiveness of previous listings should focus on particular cases, with clear justification, and make use of existing mechanisms and recommendations from previous reviews rather than establish a new ad-hoc process. Oppose an 'embargo' on new listings of any group of species; what matters is whether listing criteria are fulfilled.	-
13.	Revision of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on Establishment of committees CoP18 Doc. 13	SC/Sec.	Support proposed new Resolution as amended by the Sec. and the SC Chair.	+
14.	Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees CoP18 Doc. 14	SC	SC70 adopted standard disclosure form for declarations of interest; support for deletion of Decisions 16.09 and 16.10.	+
15.	Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements			
15.1	Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions CoP18 Doc. 15.1	SC	Support renewal of Decisions 17.55 and 17.56 as amended by the Sec. and the Sec.'s proposal to prepare a report summarizing existing practices in other biodiversity-related conventions. Synergies among biodiversity MEAs should continue to be strengthened and it is appropriate for the SC to keep matters under review.	+
15.2	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) CoP18 Doc. 15.2	Sec.	Support amendments to Res. Conf. 12.4 jointly proposed by CITES and CCAMLR Secretariats.	+
15.3	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation CoP18 Doc. 15.3	SC	Support new draft Decisions to replace Decisions 17.53 and 17.54.	+
15.4	Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) CoP18 Doc. 15.4	SC/Sec.	Support the draft resolution on <i>Cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i> .	+
15.5	The International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) CoP18 Doc. 15.5	Sec.	Support call on Parties to continue funding ICWC activities. Invite ICWC partners to ensure effective transparency mechanisms.	+

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15.6	Cooperation between CITES and the World Heritage Convention CoP18 Doc. 15.6	NO	Support the draft Resolution (which calls for developing a Memorandum of Understanding between the WHC and CITES) as amended by the Sec. Support the draft Decisions as proposed by Norway, with changes to reflect that any proposed joint programme of work should be approved by SC.	(+)
16.	CITES tree species programme	Sec.	Support the draft Decisions, including the Decision which calls for the Sec. to collect information, report progress made and continue cooperation with forest-related organizations and strengthen the support for Parties to implement the Convention for listed tree species. Invite other Parties to financially contribute to the programme.	+
17.	Rural communities		Propose that all documents under 17 and 18 are considered as a package in an in-session working group which will, inter alia, consider the elements for discussion in the inter-sessional working group. <i>Consider jointly with related proposals under Item 18.</i>	
17.1	Report of the Standing Committee CoP18 Doc. 17.1	SC/Sec.	Support Sec.'s proposal to amend Res. Conf. 16.6 on <i>Livelihoods</i> . Proposal to delete CoP 17 Decisions would be premature; further inter-sessional work is warranted (join up with <i>Livelihoods WG?</i>).	(+)
17.2	Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP17) [<i>Submission of draft resolutions</i>] and Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) CoP18 Doc. 17.2	NA, ZW	Suggested amendment to Res. 4.6 as drafted seems out of place, because the resolution is otherwise focused on formalities and procedures for submission of proposals. The proposed amendments to Annex 6 section C of Res. Conf. 9.24 would at least need to clarify the geographical scope of consultations with rural communities, i.e. each Party within its own territory; any changes should be non-binding. <i>Consider jointly with doc. 18.3.</i>	(-)
17.3	Participatory mechanism for rural communities	BW, CO, NA, ZW	Oppose the establishment of a permanent Rural Communities Committee. Consider alternative ways of making the voice of rural communities heard.	-
18.	CITES and livelihoods		Propose that all documents under 17&18 are considered as a package in an in-session working group which will, inter alia, consider the elements for discussion in the inter-sessional working group. <i>Consider jointly with related proposals under Item 17.</i>	
18.1	Report of the Secretariat CoP18 Doc. 18.1 (Rev. 1)	Sec.	Support re-establishment of WG, development of guidance through consultancy, for consideration by CoP 19. Consider additional draft Decisions proposed by the Secretariat.	(+)

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18.2	Proposal by Peru CoP18 Doc. 18.2	PE	Regarding draft Dec. 18.AA (a) providing guidance on how to maximize trade benefits from CITES species, and (b) evaluating registered marks of trade for community-made products, consider jointly with Doc. 18.1 (Rev. 1) and propose a drafting group to find a common approach between these two documents, taking into account the Sec.'s comments on both documents. Generally open for establishment of an 'International Day for Livelihoods of Rural Communities' but specific Resolution might not be needed for that purpose; also consider resource implications.	(+)
18.3	Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) CoP18 Doc. 18.3	CN	Idea of including some kind of 'Livelihood analyses' in supporting statement for listing proposals (Res. Conf. 9.24, Annex 6) could be considered but does not seem ripe for decision at CoP 18; proposed wording partly unclear. <i>Consider jointly with doc. 17.2.</i>	(-)
19.	Food security and livelihoods CoP18 Doc. 19	SC	Oppose renewal of decisions, as WG has not progressed and very similar issues are addressed under 'Rural communities' and 'Livelihoods'; support Sec. comments.	-
20.	Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species CoP18 Doc. 20	SC	Support adoption of the draft Decisions as amended by the Sec. and agree to deletion of Decisions 17.44 to 17.48.	+
21.	Capacity building and identification materials			
21.1	Capacity-building and identification materials CoP18 Doc. 21.1	AC/PC	Support draft Decisions to establish joint AC/PC working group on identification materials; also support Sec.'s proposal to delete Decisions covered under 54.1.	+
21.2	Capacity-building activities specified in Resolutions and Decisions CoP18 Doc. 21.2	SC	Support adoption of the draft Decisions (revision, enhancement of CITES website, Virtual College online courses) with the Sec.'s proposed changes. <i>Consider jointly with 21.3, 28, 29.</i>	+
21.3	Framework to facilitate coordination, transparency and accountability of CITES capacity-building efforts CoP18 Doc. 21.3	US	Valuable initiative but adoption of the draft Resolution and framework at CoP 18 seems premature. Support integration of relevant elements into 21.2 instead, as proposed by Sec., for consideration by SC and CoP 19. <i>Consider jointly with docs. 21.2, 28.</i>	(+)

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22.	United Nations World Wildlife Day		Support draft amendments to Resolution Conf. 17.1 inviting Parties and non-Party States to designate one focal point for coordinating the celebration of World Wildlife Day in the country.	+
23.	Youth engagement CoP18 Doc. 23	SC	Support suggested revisions to Resolution Conf. 17.5 on youth engagement (Annex 1) and delete Decisions 17.26 and 17.27.	+
Interpretation and implementation matters				
<i>Existing Resolutions and Decisions</i>				
24.	Review of Resolutions CoP18 Doc. 24	Sec.	Generally support amendments to Resolutions Conf. 4.6, Submission of documents (incl. on centralised funding decision); review suggested incorporation of Dec. 14.19. Support amendments to Resolutions 12.8, Review of Significant Trade (as per SC70) and 14.3, Compliance procedures (incl. Res. 10.10 and Res. 17.7).	+
25.	Review of Decisions		Support the recommendations of the Sec. as presented in 22 separated items under the annex of document 25.	+
<i>General compliance and enforcement</i>				
26.	National laws for implementation of the Convention	Sec.	Support set of Decisions but call for more clarity on the timelines. Consider proposing additional measures for Parties with legislation in category 2 or 3 to submit to the Sec. details of measures for the effective implementation of the Convention.	(+)
27.	CITES compliance matters	Sec.	Support proposed amendment to Res. Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17). Generally support the draft Decisions, but ask for more justification – and potentially a more cautious approach – in particular in relation to the development of a new CITES permit policy and of an ‘integrated compliance electronic platform’.	(+)
28.	Compliance Assistance Programme	Sec.	Generally support set of Decisions aiming at establishing a Compliance Assistance Programme with a view to assisting Parties with long-standing difficulties in achieving compliance with the Convention and related recommendations of the SC. Question nonetheless budget implications related to the creation of the Programme. <i>Consider jointly with doc. 21 and with budget documents.</i>	(+)

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29.	Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews CoP18 Doc. 29	AC/PC	Support mandate, as amended by the Sec., for the Sec. to analyse and Committees to consider options and make recommendations to CoP 19.	+
30.	Compliance in relation to Malagasy ebonies (<i>Diospyros</i> spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp.)			
	30.1 Report of Madagascar		Take note. <i>Consider jointly with doc. 30.2.</i>	
	30.2 Report of the Standing Committee CoP18 Doc. 30.2	SC	Support but remain vigilant on the need not to focus all discussions on the use plan proposed by Madagascar. Call for strong focus on the need for more robust enforcement efforts to tackle illegal logging and dismantle trafficking networks. Propose to amend draft decision 18.BB to take account of the 2017 UNODC recommendations on the matter, and insert precautionary wording to ensure that any future use plan is sufficiently secure.	(+)
31.	Domestic markets for frequently illegally traded specimens CoP18 Doc. 31	SC	Generally support proposed amendment to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) and draft revised Decisions 17.87-17.88, including on domestic controls of wildlife products other than elephant ivory.	(+)
32.	Enforcement matters CoP18 Doc. 32	Sec.	Support proposed draft Decisions and proposed amendment to Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17). Agree with deletion of Decisions 17.83 to 17.85.	+
33.	Combating wildlife cybercrime			
	33.1 Report of the Secretariat CoP18 Doc. 33.1	Sec.	Support proposed draft Decisions.	+
	33.2 Report of the Standing Committee CoP18 Doc. 33.2	SC	Support proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP17) and adoption of draft Decisions as modified by the Sec. Agree with deletion of Decisions 17.94 to 17.96.	+
34.	Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa	Sec.	Welcome the report and acknowledge importance of the issue. Support adoption of all recommendations, including draft Decisions in Annex 1.	+

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35.	Disposal of confiscated specimens CoP18 Doc. 35	SC	Support deletion of Decisions 17.118 and 17.119 and adoption of proposed draft Decisions. Oppose any additions that would compromise sensitive information about rescue centres, or would result in additional obligations for Parties. Also oppose potential resumption of SC working group.	+
36.	Storage and management of illegal trade data collected through the Parties' annual illegal trade reports CoP18 Doc. 36	SC	Overall support the principle of more systematic storage and management of illegal trade data collected through annual illegal trade reports. Share the Sec.'s concerns as to the limited added value of such a database if only a limited number of Parties actually report and provide data. Consider proposing language to encourage Parties to more systematically submit annual illegal trade reports. Invite the Sec. and UNODC to consider funding the database via the external budget of the Convention for the time being. <i>Consider jointly with budget documents.</i>	(+)
37.	Working conditions of wildlife rangers and their implications for implementation of CITES CoP18 Doc. 37	NP	Welcome the report and acknowledge importance of the issue.	
<i>Regulation of trade</i>				
38.	Designation and roles of Management Authorities CoP18 Doc. 38	Sec.	Generally support proposed Resolution with changes. Changes of some aspects of the text are needed, including: to make the proposals workable in different regulatory regimes (from an administrative and legal perspective), and to avoid creating new legal duties which are not in the Convention, and including accommodating the need to have one Management Authority per country that is responsible for international communication.	(+)
39.	Guidance for making legal acquisition findings CoP18 Doc. 39	SC	Support draft resolution. <i>Consider jointly with doc. 40.</i>	+
40.	Due diligence by CITES Parties and obligations of importing countries	US	Generally support the intention and approach. Closer scrutiny of some aspects of the proposed amendments to Res. Conf. 11.3 is needed.	(+)
41.	Electronic systems and information technologies CoP18 Doc. 41	SC	Support the proposed draft Decisions, as amended by the Sec.	+

No	Agenda item	Proponent (*)	Comments	Position
42.	Traceability CoP18 Doc. 42	Sec., Chair of SC, MX and CH as Chairs of the inter-sessional working group on traceability	Agree with the working definition of CITES traceability and support the adoption of draft decisions in Annex 1, including the proposed amendments by the Sec.	+
43.	Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA CoP18 Doc. 43	SC	Support the draft Decisions as amended by the Sec., and replacing Decisions 17.89-17.91, to continue assessing the implications of specimens produced through biotechnology that may have an impact on the interpretation and implementation of the Convention. Suggest amendment for draft Decision 18.CC.	(+)
44.	Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'			
	44.1 Report of the Standing Committee CoP18 Doc. 44.1	SC	Support the adoption of non-binding guidance for determining whether a proposed recipient of a living specimen is suitably equipped to house and care for it, as amended by the Sec. in Annex 4, and the draft decisions on the definition of 'appropriate and acceptable destinations' as amended in Annex 5.	+
	44.2 International trade in live African elephants: Proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'</i> CoP18 Doc. 44.2	BF, JO, LB, LR, NE, NG, SD, SY	The document proposes amendments to Res. Conf. 11.20 in such a way that live African elephants are only moved to in-situ conservation programmes within their natural range, thus excluding any trade in wild-caught African elephants to destinations for the purpose of ex-situ captive use, even where this would be beneficial for conservation purposes. Also consider in relation to the current regime for App. I-listed specimens. The Union opposes the recommendations in document 44.2 and encourages further inter-sessional work towards CoP 19.	-
45.	Non-detriment findings CoP18 Doc. 45	AC	Support proposed draft Decisions aiming at addressing gaps and Parties' needs in making non-detriment findings and supporting the implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17). Support for a second international workshop on NDFs.	+

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46.	Quotas for leopard hunting trophies		Support the proposed amendments to Res. Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16) proposed by the SC (removing Kenya and Malawi from the table in paragraph 1, a) of the Res.). Support to prolong draft decisions in Annex 3 for CAR, Botswana and Ethiopia, but to suspend their quotas until reviewed by the Animals Committee and SC. Support the set of draft decisions as proposed by the Sec. in Annex 3. General support for the amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP13), as proposed by the Sec. in Annex 2; however, a formal review process should be established within a specified time frame, and it should direct the range States or the Animals and Standing Committees to report to the CoP when concerns arise or changes to the 'approved quota' are deemed necessary. Further discussion needed on the export quotas maintained in Res. Conf. 10.14 (Rev. CoP16).	(+)
47.	Enhancement of quotas for markhor hunting trophies CoP18 Doc. 47	PK	Support the increase of hunting trophies quota for markhor in Pakistan from 12 to 20 animals per year, if Pakistan provides more information demonstrating that the guidelines on Appendix I hunting trophies in Resolution Conf. 17.9 are met, including information on: — the source of the 2017 population estimates which form the basis of Pakistan's NDF; — new communities / areas which will join the community-based trophy-hunting programme; and — how the quotas will be distributed (including for which sub-species).	(+)
48.	Black rhinoceros hunting trophies: Export quota for South Africa	ZA	Proposed increase of quota from 5 adult male black rhinos to max. 0,5 % of the country's total population appears reasonable, if translated into annual publication by South Africa of a specific quota (absolute number of specimens).	(+)
49.	Implications of the transfer of a species to Appendix I			
	49.1 Report of the Secretariat CoP18 Doc. 49.1	Sec.	Support amendments to Res. Conf. 12.3 to clarify that, after uplisting of a species, applicable rules are those valid at the time of trading (not harvesting), and to Res. Conf. 13.6. Further analyse proposal to include a new paragraph (11) in Res. Conf. 12.3 and draft Decision for SC to consider need for guidance during transition period, including between listing	(+)

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			decision and entry into force, and for SC to look into special conditions for annotated plants including timber species.	
49.2	Trade in 'pre-Appendix-I' specimens CoP18 Doc. 49.2	CI, NG, SN	Support Sec.'s proposal to consider 49.1 and the recommendations contained therein as our starting point, instead of the recommendation in 49.2. Open to incorporate drafting elements into 49.1.	(-)
50.	Amendments to Resolution Conf. 10.13 (Rev. CoP15) on Implementation of the Convention for timber species CoP18 Doc. 50	SC	Support but propose to include reference to the need to base NDFs on adequate conversion factors, and other minor amendments.	(+)
51.	Stocks and stockpiles CoP18 Doc. 51	SC	Support continuation of inter-sessional work with more clearly defined mandate, excluding management of stockpiles.	+
52.	Introduction from the sea CoP18 Doc. 52	SC	Support renewed mandate for the Sec. to monitor implementation of Res. Conf. 14.6 and report on BBNJ negotiations; SC to review information.	+
53.	Purpose codes on CITES permits and certificates CoP18 Doc. 53	SC	Support draft amendments to Res. Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Permits and certificates</i> . Support the new set of draft decisions proposed by the Sec. instead of the draft amendments to Decision 14.54 in Annex 1 of the document.	(+)
54.	Identification of specimens in trade			
	54.1 Identification Manual CoP18 Doc. 54.1	AC, PC, Sec.	Support. <i>Consider jointly with 21.1.</i>	+
	54.2 Identification of CITES-listed tree species CoP18 Doc. 54.2	PC	Support new set of Decisions and deletion of previous decisions.	+
	54.3 Identification of sturgeons and paddlefish specimens in trade CoP18 Doc. 54.3		Support renewal of Decisions. Consider whether any EU Member State can commit to funding the long-overdue study.	+
55.	CITES implementation for trade in medicinal plant species		Support the draft decision to liaise with key players in the medicinal plants trade and report it to the PC as a first step to get information about the trade and its volume.	+
<i>Exemptions and special trade provisions</i>				

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56.	Simplified procedure for permits and certificates CoP18 Doc. 56	SC	Generally support the proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.15 (Rev. CoP12), Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17) and the draft Decisions directed to the Sec.; take into account the Sec.'s observations and consider need for further amendments.	(+)
57.	Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens CoP18 Doc. 57	SC	Support draft Decisions as suggested by the SC and amended by the Sec.	+
58.	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.7 on <i>Review of trade in animal specimens reported as produced in captivity</i> CoP18 Doc. 58	SC	Support draft Decisions and suggested amendment of Resolution Conf. 17.7 as suggested by the SC and endorsed by the Sec. <i>Consider jointly with budget documents.</i>	+
59.	Definition of the term ' artificially propagated '			
	59.1 Guidance on the term 'artificially propagated' CoP18 Doc. 59.1	PC	Support draft decision. Open to amendments proposed by the Sec. Suggest that publication of guidance should only happen after its review by the PC. Highlight the need for an update of the 'Guide to the application of CITES source codes' in order to reflect the creation of a new source code for plants.	+
	59.2 Source codes for plant specimens in trade CoP18 Doc. 59.2	SC	Support creation of source code Y through amendments to Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP17) and Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP17), as well as draft Decisions as proposed by the SC. Consider opposing some of the additional amendments proposed by the Sec., in particular regarding agarwood and the need for NDFs.	+
<i>Species specific matters</i>				
60.	Illegal trade in cheetahs (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>) CoP18 Doc. 60	Sec.	Support the draft Decision calling upon the Sec. to make available the final version of the CITES cheetah trade resource kit, subject to availability of resources. Agree to deletion of decisions 17.124, 17.126, 17.127, 17.128 and 17.130; Decisions 17.125 and 17.129 being renewed as revised by the Sec. as set out in Doc. 25.	+
61.	Sturgeons and paddlefish (<i>Acipenseriformes</i> spp.)	Sec.	Support renewed mandate for the SC to look into caviar labelling.	+

No	Agenda item	Proponent (1)	Comments	Position
62.	Draft decisions on the conservation of amphibians (Amphibia)	CR	Broad range of draft Decisions addressed to Parties, Committees and Sec., proposed without supporting statement or prior consideration by the AC or SC. The information required is not specific for amphibians but would apply to all taxa. The proposal as it stands will not be supported, but more focused proposal with concrete actions could be considered favourably.	(-)
63.	Eels (<i>Anguilla</i> spp.) CoP18 Doc. 63	AC, SC, Sec.	Support draft Decisions as amended by the Sec. and suggest a short drafting group to refine these Decisions.	+
64.	Precious corals (Order Antipatharia and family Coralliidae)	SC	Support the draft decision mandating the AC and SC to analyse and draw conclusions from the precious corals survey and the FAO study.	+
65.	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 16.10 on <i>Implementation of the Convention for agarwood-producing taxa</i> [<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. and <i>Gyniops</i> spp.] CoP18 Doc. 65	PC	Support adoption of draft decisions on agarwood-producing taxa and deletion of previous decisions.	+
66.	Trade in Boswellia spp. (Bursaceae) CoP18 Doc. 66	LK, US	Support set of draft decisions as amended by the Sec.	+
67.	Humphead wrasse (<i>Chelinus undulatus</i>) CoP18 Doc. 67	SC	Agree with the draft Decision aiming at providing assistance to the main exporting and importing countries to address remaining implementation challenges.	+
68.	Sharks and rays (<i>Elasmobranchii</i> spp.)			
	68.1 Report of the Animals Committee	AC	Note the report.	
	68.2 Report of the Secretariat		Support the set of draft decisions and the draft amendments to the Res. 12.6 (Rev. CoP17).	+
69.	Elephants (<i>Elephantidae</i> spp.)			
	69.1 Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	Sec./ SC	Stocks and stockpiles: support Decision for SC to review guidance prepared by the Sec.	+
			Asian elephants: open to support renewal of Decisions but need greater buy-in from range States for this to be effective.	+

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			NIAPs: support proposed revisions to Res. Conf. 10.10, para. 26 g) and Annex III (NIAP process guidelines) and to Res. Conf. 14.3 on <i>Compliance</i> (see doc. 24); consider the Sec.'s request for creation of new post (and consider budgetary implications).	+
			ETIS review: support ToR as agreed at SC70.	+
			MIKE, ETIS financial and operational sustainability: support draft Dec. for the Sec. to develop proposal (costs: 30 000 USD), SC to review.	+
			Domestic ivory markets: support proposed amendment to Res. Conf. 10.10 as contained in doc. 31.	+
69.2	Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) CoP18 Doc. 69.2	Sec.	Take note of the report.	
69.3	Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS) CoP18 Doc. 69.3 (Rev. 1)	Sec.	Take note of the report; consider implications for NIAP process (specific countries identified by ETIS not currently under NIAP).	
69.4	Ivory stockpiles : proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i> CoP18 Doc. 69.4	BF, TD, CI, GA, JO, KE, LR, NE, NG, SD, SY	Acknowledge importance of having the guidance finalised but question the feasibility and suitability of an in-session WG for that purpose. Consider alternative Sec.'s suggestions.	(-)
69.5	Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on the closure of domestic ivory markets	BF, CI, ET, GA, KE, LR, NE, NG, SY	Contest conclusions regarding EU ivory market (para. 28); highlight ongoing EU efforts. Oppose proposed changes to Res. Conf. 10.10 and associated draft Decisions as disproportionate and partly unclear.	-
70.	Hawksbill turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>) and other marine turtles (<i>Cheloniidae</i> and <i>Dermochelyidae</i>)	Sec.	Support to continue the work through draft decisions proposed by the Sec. and to establish an inter-sessional working group on marine turtles.	+
71.	Asian big cats (<i>Felidae</i> spp.)			
71.1	Report of the Secretariat	Sec.	Support the document with amendments aiming to strengthen the Sec.'s draft decisions. Support the Sec.'s recommendation to retain Dec. 14.69.	(+)

No	Agenda item	Proponent (*)	Comments	Position
71.2	Draft decisions on Asian big cats CoP18 Doc. 71.2	IN	Support in general efforts to monitor and better manage trade in Asian big cats. Before the suggested draft Decisions can be supported, they need substantial analysis and amendments, including to avoid duplication with document 71.1. The link to Res. Conf. 12.5 (Rev. 17) should also be considered.	0
72.	Seahorses (<i>Hippocampus</i> spp.) on CITES – a roadmap to success	MV, MC, LK, US	Support the set of Decisions as amended by the Sec. to initiate discussion about management and sustainable use of seahorses in the AC and SC.	+
73.	Great apes (<i>Hominidae</i> spp.) CoP18 Doc. 73	SC, Sec.	Support amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.4 (Rev. CoP16) on Conservation of and trade in great apes as proposed by the Sec., as well as deletion of Decisions 17.232 and 17.233. The proposal is based on the report on the status of great apes and the relative impact of illegal trade and other pressures on their status, which was prepared through collaboration between the Sec., IUCN, GRASP and other partners, and has been considered by AC30 and SC70. Some editorial changes might be desirable, in particular to change references from 'bushmeat' to 'wild meat' to be consistent with Doc. 95.	+
74.	Rosewood timber species [<i>Leguminosae (Fabaceae)</i>] CoP18 Doc. 74	PC	Support adoption of draft decisions.	+
75.	Pangolins (<i>Manis</i> spp.) CoP18 Doc. 75	Sec., incorporating SC proposal	Support the set of draft decisions as recommended by the SC (SC69), with amendments suggested by the Sec., and support deletion of Decisions 17.239-17.240.	+
76.	African lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>)			
76.1	Report of the Secretariat		Support the set of draft Decisions on African lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>) and big cats and support deletion of Decisions 17.241-17.245.	+
76.2	Conservation of and trade in African lions	NG, TG	The set of draft Decisions suggested under 76.1, which take into account the concerns highlighted in this document and the accompanying draft Resolution, are likely to be more successful in achieving meaningful and targeted action within a specified time-frame.	-

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77.	Jaguar (<i>Panthera onca</i>)			
	77.1 Jaguar trade	CR, MX	Support in general the set of draft Decisions calling for a study on illegal trade in jaguars; and support the recommendations and amendments to Annex 1 by the Sec. to merge the document with the document under 77.2.	(+)
	77.2 Illegal trade in jaguar CoP18 Doc. 77.2	PE	Oppose adoption of a species-specific Resolution. However, some of the activities identified could be included in set of decisions and considered in the context of 77.1 (or proponents could merge their documents into one set of Decisions as proposed by the Sec. in Doc. 77.1).	(-)
78.	Illegal trade in Tibetan antelope (<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>) CoP18 Doc. 78	SC	Support the draft recommendation and the proposal by the Sec. to amend para 2b) of Resolution Conf. 11.8 (Rev. CoP17).	+
79.	Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes)	US, LK	Generally support the proposal for the AC to consider the conservation implications of songbird trade, preferably based on a review commissioned by the Sec., subject to external funding. The draft decisions will need to be amended to address these changes and the concerns expressed by the Sec.	+
80.	African cherry (<i>Prunus africana</i>) CoP18 Doc. 80	PC	Support adoption of draft decisions.	+
81.	African grey parrots (<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>)	ZA	Open to prolonging the deadline for registrations of breeding facility. Suggest to add new paragraph f) to Decision 17.256 referencing the IUCN reintroduction and repopulation guidelines.	+
82.	Banggai cardinalfish (<i>Pterapogon kauderni</i>)	AC	Support the set of draft decisions; the EU is ready to support Indonesia in implementing Decision 18.AA.	+
83.	Rhinoceroses (<i>Rhinocerotidae</i> spp.)			
	83.1 Report of the Standing Committee and the Secretariat		Support the draft decisions with some amendments to introduce time frames for actions. Support deletion of Decisions 17.135-17.144, and replacement of Decisions 17.133 and 17.134 by a new draft decision 18.AA.	+
	83.2 Revisions to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</i> , and associated decisions	KE	Oppose draft decisions and amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.14 as they stand, since they exceed the Convention's mandate and duplicate existing resolutions and decisions.	(-)

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84.	Helmeted hornbill (<i>Rhinoplax vigil</i>) CoP18 Doc. 84	SC	Support draft Decisions in Annex 1, including the Sec.'s proposed amendments, and delete Decisions 17.264, 17.265 and 17.266.	+
85.	Queen conch (<i>Strombus gigas</i>)		Support the draft Decisions in Annex 1 which will replace the decisions 17.285 to 17.287 and 17.289 and delete Decisions 17.288 and 17.290 which have been fully implemented.	+
86.	Saiga antelope (<i>Saiga</i> spp.) CoP18 Doc. 86	SC	Support the document which is based on the outcome of discussions in the SC and which targets the saiga range States in order to improve management of stockpiles of parts and derivatives of the species, to improve their capacities to tackle illegal trade, and to enhance in situ and ex situ conservation efforts; support the proposal by the Sec. to involve the AC in implementation of one decision. The decisions may need some modifications depending on the outcome of the proposed changes of the listing.	+
87.	Conservation of the Titicaca water frog (<i>Telmatobius cauleus</i>)	PE	The species was listed in Appendix I at CoP 17. The impact of international trade on the conservation status of this species remains unclear, probably due to insufficient data. The adoption of a dedicated resolution on the conservation of the Titicaca water frog seems to be premature.	(-)
88.	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (<i>Testudines</i> spp.) CoP18 Doc. 88	SC, Sec.	Generally support the draft revised version of Resolution Conf. 11.9 on <i>Conservation of and trade in tortoises and freshwater turtles</i> and the draft decisions proposed by the Sec.; consider the need to focus future work on practical needs.	(+)
89.	Totoaba (<i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i>) CoP18 Doc. 89	Sec.	Support draft Decisions on further collecting of information from Parties; awareness-raising and enforcement measures; study on vaquita and totoaba (outline agreed by SC) to be carried out by Sec.	+
90.	Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus ponticus</i>) CoP18 Doc. 90	AC	Support draft Decision for Sec. to cooperate with the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS).	+
91.	Conservation of vicuña (<i>Vicuña vicugna</i>) and trade in its fibre and products	AR	Generally support the draft resolution on conservation of vicuña and trade in its fibre and products, and the recommendations by the Sec.; the document was prepared under the Convention for the Conservation and Management of Vicuña.	+

No	Agenda item	Proponent (1)	Comments	Position
92.	Appendix-I listed species CoP18 Doc. 92	Sec., AC, PC	Support adoption of draft decisions and deletion of Decisions 17.22 to 17.25.	+
93.	Neotropical tree species CoP18 Doc. 93	PC	Support adoption of draft decisions.	+
94.	Conservation management of and trade in marine ornamental fishes CoP18 Doc. 94	CH, US, EU	Support draft Decisions (co-proposed by the Union) as amended by the Sec., especially with regard to inviting fishery stakeholders and industry representatives to contribute to the workshop.	+
95.	Guidance materials, activities and tools aimed at enhancing Parties' capacity to regulate bushmeat trade	Sec.	Generally support the draft revised version of Res. Conf. 13.11 (Rev. CoP17) and the deletion of decisions proposed by the Sec. (Dec. 14.73, 14.74, 17.112 and 17.113). Suggest amendments to recognise that CBD guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector refers only to the tropics and sub-tropics and that the current definition of wild meat (bushmeat) in the CITES glossary should be retained.	+
96.	African Carnivore Initiative		Support the draft decisions.	+
97.	West African vulture trade and conservation management CoP18 Doc. 97	BF, NE, SN	Support the set of decisions that will promote synergies with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), as amended by the Sec. Addressing illegal poisoning and the belief-based trade is very important, and there are strong links between the elephant/rhino poaching and the vulture-poisoning events. One of the species addressed in the document, the Egyptian vulture, breeds regularly in the EU and winters in Africa.	+
<i>Maintenance of the Appendices</i>				
98.	Reservations with respect to amendments to Appendices I and II CoP18 Doc. 98	Sec.	Support proposed amendments to Res. Conf. 4.25 on <i>Reservations</i> , to confirm the 90-day deadline for reservations to App. I and II listings, and to clarify when the withdrawal of a reservation becomes effective.	+
99.	Standard nomenclature CoP18 Doc. 99	AC, PC, Sec.	Support proposed amendments to Annex to Res. Conf. 12.11 and associated draft Decisions. Support extending Decision 17.312 to require the AC to consider the review and make recommendations to CoP 19.	+

No	Agenda item	Proponent ⁽¹⁾	Comments	Position
	Annex 5: Proposed New CITES Standard References for Nomenclature of Birds (Class Aves) CoP18 Doc. 99 A5		Take note of consultant's report on standard references for nomenclature of birds.	
	Annex 6: Proposed changes in the published literature concerning nomenclature of CITES-listed animal species for which the Animals Committee, at the time of CoP 18 document submission, has not yet reached a recommendation on adoption or rejection for CITES purposes CoP18 Doc. 99 A6			
100.	Inclusion of species in Appendix III		Agree with the proposed draft decisions and the proposed changes to Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP17).	+
101.	Annotations CoP18 Doc. 101	SC	Support proposed amendment to Res. Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP17), revision to Paragraph 7 of the Interpretation Section of the CITES Appendices, and draft decisions contained in Annex 4. Support proposed amendments to Decision 16.162 (Rev. CoP17) but remain open to potential changes depending on the outcome on annotation #15.	+
102.	Annotations for Appendix-II orchids CoP18 Doc. 102	SC	Support draft definition of the term 'cosmetics', and adoption of proposed decisions.	+
103.	Guidance for the publication of the Appendices CoP18 Doc. 103	CA	Support the draft decisions to develop guidance on the presentation of annotations and support the proposed amendments by the Sec. to avoid restricting prematurely the scope of the guidance.	+
104.	Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on <i>Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II</i> CoP18 Doc. 104	SC	Support proposed repeal of the Resolution and deletion of associated Decision.	+
Proposals to amend the Appendices				
105.	Proposals to amend Appendices I and II		<i>Listing proposals are addressed in Part 2 of this document, below.</i>	
Conclusion of the meeting				
106.	Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (no document)		No document	
107.	Closing remarks (Observers, Parties, CITES Secretary-General, Host Government) (no document)		No document	

⁽¹⁾ Sec. = CITES Secretariat, SC = Standing Committee, AC = Animals Committee, PC = Plants Committee. For country codes, see ISO 3166.

1. Listing Proposals

No	Taxon / Detail	Proposal	Proponent	Comments	Position
1.	<i>Capra falconeri heptneri</i> (Heptner's markhor) (population of Tajikistan)	I – II Transfer the population of Tajikistan from App. I to App. II	Tajikistan	Population seems to be increasing and hunting management under the CITES provisions for Appendix I species has generated revenues going back into the communities and conservation. However, the proposal does not contain strong evidence to demonstrate that the precautionary measures in Annex 4 of Res. Conf. 9.24 are satisfied. A down-listing would lead to increased volume of trade without guarantees that the revenues would be returned to conservation. IUCN recommended to continue and reinforce the current management.	–
2.	<i>Saiga tatarica</i> (Saiga antelope)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Mongolia, United States of America	The proposal considers all recent Saiga to be one species, in line with the IUCN Red List. However, the currently valid CITES taxonomic reference separates the Mongolian populations as <i>S. borealis</i> . The Union will support the interpretation of the scope of the listing suggested by the US. If this interpretation is accepted, the CoP will consider listing of the two species <i>S. borealis</i> and <i>S. tatarica</i> . <i>S. borealis</i> meets the Appendix I listing criteria and the Union will support its listing in Appendix I. The Union will support listing in Appendix I of <i>S. tatarica</i> , provided that all principal range States agree with the listing, and only if <i>S. borealis</i> is listed in Appendix I as well. The Union will oppose the listing in Appendix I of <i>S. tatarica</i> if <i>S. borealis</i> is not uplisted as well, to avoid any negative impact on the population of <i>S. borealis</i> .	0
3.	<i>Vicugna vicugna</i> (Vicuña) (population of the Province of Salta)	I – II Transfer the population of the Province of Salta (Argentina) from App. I to App. II with annotation 1	Argentina	Since 2006, the population size is increasing considerably, population monitoring seems to be good and 41 % (14 000 km ²) of the habitat is protected. The only form of planned utilisation is shearing of wild specimens. Consider jointly with working document no. 91.	+

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4.	<i>Vicuña vicugna</i> (Vicuña) (population of Chile)	Amend the name of the population of Chile from 'population of the Primera Región' to 'populations of the region of Tarapacá and of the region of Arica and Parinacota'	Chile	Support – the proposal does not contain any substantive change to the listing and only adjusts a geographical name.	+
5.	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe)	0 – II Include in App. II	Central African Republic, Chad, Kenya, Mali, Niger and Senegal	The current conservation status of the nine subspecies and the presence and severity of main threats show large regional variations. Taking into account overall declines recorded over the last three generations and decreasing trends of the Giraffe population, an Appendix II listing has merits in preventing this species from becoming threatened in the future. Therefore, considering the precautionary approach and acting in the best interest of the conservation of the species, the listing in Appendix II is supported by the Union.	+
6.	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i> (Small-clawed otter)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	India, Nepal and the Philippines	According to IUCN, pet trade on the internet contributes to the recent rapid decline of the species. There are some indications that the level of this trade is growing in recent years.	+
7.	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i> (Smooth-coated otter)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Bangladesh, India and Nepal	There are low levels of recorded legal international trade, but uplisting could help protect the species as the volume of illegal trade is significant.	+
8.	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> (Southern white rhinoceros) (population of Eswatini)	Remove the existing annotation for the population of Eswatini	Eswatini	Oppose. The population continues to meet App. II listing criteria, but removal of the annotation as proposed would not meet the precautionary safeguards set out in Para A. 2. a) in Annex 4 of Res. Conf. 9.24. Resumption of rhino horn trade would send the wrong signal at this point in time, given the high level of poaching and illegal trade. It would also undermine demand reduction action by many Parties for this species.	–
9.	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> (Southern white rhinoceros) (population of Namibia)	I – II Transfer of the population of <i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> of Namibia from Appendix I to Appendix II with the following annotation: 'For the exclusive purpose of allowing international trade in: a. live animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations; and b. hunting trophies.'	Namibia	The high levels of poaching and trafficking for this species remain of considerable concern for the Union. Successful conservation of the species in Namibia needs to be recognized, however, we should also note that more than a third part of the whole Namibian population was imported and two thirds belong	(–)

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10.	<i>Loxodonta africana</i> (African elephant)	<p>All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.'</p> <p>I – II Transfer the population of Zambia from Appendix I to Appendix II subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trade in registered raw ivory (tusks and pieces) for commercial purposes only to CITES-approved trading partners who will not re-export. 2. Trade in hunting trophies for non-commercial purposes. 3. Trade in hides and leather goods. 4. All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly. 	Zambia	<p>to private owners, and the trade in hunting trophies and live animals for non-commercial purposes, to destinations suitably equipped to house and care for them, is already possible under Annex I. If the proposal is adopted by the CoP, the Union would request that it be accompanied by a set of decisions to monitor and report periodically on the possible impact of this downlisting.</p> <p>The annotation suggested by Zambia would re-open international ivory trade and cannot be supported as it stands.</p>	–
11.	<i>Loxodonta africana</i> (African elephant) (populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe) Amendment of annotation 2	<p>Amendment of annotation 2: 'For the exclusive purpose of allowing: [...] g. trade in registered raw ivory (for Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, whole tusks and pieces) subject to the following: i. only registered government-owned stocks, originating in the State (excluding seized ivory and ivory of unknown origin);</p>	Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe	<p>The requested change would result in opening up international ivory trade, and therefore does not meet the precautionary measures in Annex 4 to Res. Conf. 9.24 and is premature.</p>	–

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		<p>ii. only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, to have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls to ensure that the imported ivory will not be re-exported and will be managed in accordance with all requirements of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) concerning domestic manufacturing and trade;</p> <p>iii. not before the Secretariat has verified the prospective importing countries and the registered government-owned stocks;</p> <p>iv. raw ivory pursuant to the conditional sale of registered government-owned ivory stocks agreed at CoP12, which are 20,000 kg (Botswana); 10,000 kg (Namibia) and 30,000 kg (South Africa);</p> <p>v. in addition to the quantities agreed at CoP12, government-owned ivory from Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe registered by 31 January 2007 and verified by the Secretariat may be traded and despatched, with the ivory in paragraph (g) iv) above, in a single sale per destination under strict supervision of the Secretariat;</p> <p>vi. the proceeds of the trade are used exclusively for elephant conservation and community conservation and development programmes within or adjacent to the elephant range; and</p> <p>vii. the additional quantities specified in paragraph (g) v) above shall be traded only after the Standing Committee has agreed that the above conditions have been met; and</p> <p>h) no further proposals to allow trade in elephant ivory from populations already in Appendix II shall be submitted to the Conference of the Parties for the period from CoP14 and ending nine years from the date of the single sale of ivory that</p>			

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		is to take place in accordance with provisions in paragraphs g) i), g) ii), g) iii), g) vi) and g) vii). In addition such further proposals shall be dealt with in accordance with Decisions 16.55 and 14.78 (Rev. CoP16): [...]			
12.	<i>Loxodonta africana</i> (African elephant) (populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe)	II – I Transfer the populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe from App. II to App. I	Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Kenya, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic and Togo	These four populations do not meet App. I criteria and the range States in question do not agree with the uplisting.	–
13.	<i>Mammuthus primigenius</i> (Woolly mammoth)	0 – II Include in App. II	Israel	The purpose of CITES is to protect species from overexploitation and extinction. Look-alike issues do not seem to be a sufficient argument for listing mammoth. Evidence for misidentification and laundering on a large scale has not been provided, and elephant and mammoth ivory dentine display unique characteristics which can be readily distinguished by a non-expert. Listing on App. II would not be proportionate with the scale of the risk posed (potentially generating numerous permits with no, or limited, conservation benefit).	–
14.	<i>Leporillus conditor</i> (Greater stick-nest rat)	I – II Transfer from App. I to App. II	Australia	Transfer to Appendix II recommended by the AC. The species does not occur in international trade.	+
15.	<i>Pseudomys fieldi praeconis</i> (Shark Bay mouse)	I – II Transfer from App. I to App. II	Australia	Transfer to Appendix II and a nomenclature change recommended by the AC. The species does not occur in international trade.	+
16.	<i>Xeromys myoides</i> (False swamp rat)	I – II Transfer from App. I to App. II	Australia	Transfer to Appendix II recommended by the AC. The species does not occur in international trade.	+
17.	<i>Zyzomys pedunculatus</i> (Central rock rat)	I – II Transfer from App. I to App. II	Australia	Transfer to Appendix II recommended by the AC. The species does not occur in international trade.	+

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18.	<i>Sympticus reevesii</i> (Reeves's pheasant)	0 – II Include in App. II	CN	Only the population of China meets the listing criteria for inclusion in Appendix II. Open to supporting the inclusion of the species in Appendix II, and will request the proponent to restrict the scope of the listing to the Chinese population only.	(+)
19.	<i>Balearica pavonina</i> (Black crowned-crane)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal	As IUCN/TRAFFIC recognises, since the species is affected by international trade and the estimated population decline may be close to and could exceed 50 % over the last 45 years, <i>B. pavonina</i> is likely to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I and the Union will support the proposal.	+
20.	<i>Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis</i> (Lesser rufous bristlebird)	Transfer from App. I to App. II	Australia	The proposal results from the CITES Periodic Review and concerns a species that is not in trade (considered as extinct, last observation in 1906).	+
21.	<i>Dasyornis longirostris</i> (Long-billed bristlebird)	I – II Transfer from App. I to App. II	Australia	The proposal results from the CITES Periodic Review and concerns a species that is not in trade.	+
22.	<i>Crocodylus acutus</i> (American crocodile) (population of Mexico)	I – II Transfer the population of Mexico from App. I to App. II	Mexico	Support transfer from App. I to App. II if Mexico sets a 0 quota for specimens from the wild (source code W).	(+)
23.	<i>Calotes nilagiribrisand Calotes pethiyagodai</i> (Garden lizards)	0 – I Include in App. I	Sri Lanka	Biological criteria for listing in CITES Appendices appear to be met but insufficient evidence to demonstrate that current or anticipated levels of trade are detrimental to its survival in the wild. The Union will encourage the proponent to list the two species in Appendix III, but oppose Appendix I listing. The Union is open to consider further information on listing in Appendix II if presented by the proponent.	(–)
24.	<i>Ceratophora</i> spp. (Horned lizards)	0 – I Include in App. I	Sri Lanka	Oppose the genus listing in Appendix I, but agree to include <i>C. erdeleani</i> , <i>C. karu</i> , and <i>C. temnenti</i> in Appendix I and <i>C. stoddartii</i> and <i>C. aspera</i> in Appendix II.	(+)

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				Biological criteria for Appendix I are met for the three species (out of five species in the genus): <i>C. kuru</i> , <i>C. erdleni</i> and <i>C. tenentii</i> . Appendix II seems more warranted for <i>C. aspera</i> and <i>C. stoddartii</i> . The Union will consider on the spot any further information on the proposed listing if presented by the proponent.	
25.	<i>Cophotis ceylanica</i> and <i>Cophotis dumbara</i> (Pygmy lizards)	0 – I Include in App. I	Sri Lanka	The proposal appears to meet biological criteria; oftakes of even small numbers may have a significant impact on remaining populations. These are the only two species in this genus, and both are endemic to Sri Lanka and listed as highly threatened on Sri Lanka's National Red List (2012).	+
26.	<i>Lyricephalus scutatus</i> (Hump-nosed lizard)	0 – I Include in App. I	Sri Lanka	Support an Appendix II listing, since Appendix I listing criteria are not met but App. II criteria are.	(-)
27.	<i>Goniurosaurus</i> spp. (Leopard geckos) (populations of China and Vietnam)	0 – II Include species of China and Vietnam in App. II	China, European Union, Vietnam	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
28.	<i>Gekko gekko</i> (Tokay gecko)	0 – II Include in App. II	European Union, India, Philippines, United States of America	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
29.	<i>Gonatodes daudini</i> (Grenadines clawed gecko)	0 – I Include in App. I	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	The species meets the biological criteria for listing in Appendix I. International trade reported shortly after discovery of the species and still ongoing, even though collecting in the natural habitat is not allowed.	+
30.	<i>Paroedura androyensis</i> (Grandidier's Madagascar ground gecko)	0 – II Include in App. II	European Union, Madagascar	Co-proposed by the Union.	+

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31.	<i>Ctenosaura</i> spp. (Spiny-tailed iguanas)	0 – II Include in App. II	El Salvador and Mexico	The proposal meets the listing criteria; several species of the genus could become eligible for inclusion in Appendix I in the future if trade is not regulated as they have small populations, restricted areas of distribution or have experienced population declines, or a combination of these three criteria, and are highly vulnerable to either intrinsic or extrinsic factors.	+
32.	<i>Pseudocerastes urarachmoides</i> (Spider-tailed horned viper)	0 – II Include in App. II	Iran	More information needed to demonstrate that the trade criterion is met. There is limited information available in the proposal on the extent of collection from the wild and international trade of the species (with evidence of only a small handful of individuals appearing in trade outside of its range State), and although the species is classed as 'nationally endangered', there is a lack of data to indicate population size, distribution, or whether the species is in decline.	0
33.	<i>Cuora bourreti</i> (Bourret's box turtle)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Vietnam	Support transfer to App. I; a 'critically endangered' species that meets at least criterion C. i) in Annex 1 of Res. Conf. 9.24 and is heavily traded.	+
34.	<i>Cuora picturata</i> (Vietnamese box turtle)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Vietnam	Support transfer to App. I; a 'Critically Endangered' species that meets all biological criteria of Res. Conf. 9.24 for Appendix I listing and is heavily traded. The proposal is arising from a Periodic Review recommendation.	+
35.	<i>Mauremys annamensis</i> (Annam leaf turtle)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Vietnam	Support transfer to App. I; a 'Critically Endangered' species that meets at least criterion C. i) in Annex 1 of Res. Conf. 9.24 and is heavily traded. The proposal is arising from a Periodic Review recommendation.	+

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36.	<i>Geochelone elegans</i> (Star tortoise)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Bangladesh, India, Senegal and Sri Lanka	The listing is proposed jointly by the majority of range States. The illegal trade is of great concern, although harvest and trade in wild specimens is already prohibited in the range States. The concerns around mis-use of source code C and potential laundering of wild specimens through captive breeding operations is already being addressed by CITES under Resolution Conf. 17.7.	+
37.	<i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> (Pancake tortoise)	II – I Transfer from App. II to App. I	Kenya, United States of America	Support to the proposal. Most recent Red List Assessment (2018) has assessed the species as 'Critically Endangered'. Proposal seems to be proportionate to the anticipated risks to the species, which is in considerable demand from the trade sector and affected by illegal trade. Overexploitation is reported as a main factor currently affecting populations of the species. The species seems to meet the Appendix I listing criteria.	+
38.	<i>Hyalinobatrachium</i> spp., <i>Centrolene</i> spp., <i>Cochranella</i> spp., and <i>Saccharotamia</i> spp. (Glass frogs)	0 – II Include in App. II	Costa Rica, El Salvador	The Union could support a narrower proposal if the proponents decide to limit it to those species for which it can be demonstrated that they meet the listing criteria. However, due to lack of population data, and as reported trade occurs mostly in species of 'Least Concern', the inclusion in App. II of all 104 species belonging to four genera does not seem proportionate. Further information is needed on those species for which trade is most prevalent.	(-)
39.	<i>Echinotriton chinhaensis</i> and <i>Echinotriton maxiquadratus</i> (Spiny newts)	0 – II Include in App. II	China	The species meet the biological criteria for listing in Appendix I. Their conservation would benefit from international protection. Even though international trade levels appear to be low, any trade in wild specimens could be detrimental to the survival of populations, as populations are extremely small and decreasing.	+

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				<i>Echinochiton</i> has been split from <i>Tylochiton</i> (listing proposal No 41) only in 1982. Therefore, listing both genera is also appropriate on the basis of the look-alike criterion.	
40.	<i>Paramoichiton</i> spp. (Asian warty newts)	0 – II Include in App. II	China, European Union	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
41.	<i>Tylochiton</i> spp. (Crocodile newts)	0 – II Include in App. II	China, European Union	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
42.	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (Mako sharks)	0 – II Include in App. II	Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Egypt, European Union, Gabon, Gambia, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Palau, Samoa, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
43.	<i>Glaucostegus</i> spp. (Guitarfishes)	0 – II Include in App. II	Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, European Union, Gabon, Gambia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Monaco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Palau, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Ukraine	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
44.	<i>Rhinidae</i> spp. (Wedgefishes)	0 – II Include in App. II	Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, India, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Nepal, Niger,	Co-proposed by the Union.	+

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			Nigeria, Palau, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo and Ukraine		
45.	<i>Holothuria (Microthelie) fuscogitha</i> , <i>Holothuria (Microthelie) nobilis</i> , <i>Holothuria (Microthelie) whitmaei</i> (Sea cucumbers)	0 – II Include in App. II	European Union, Kenya, Senegal, Seychelles, United States of America	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
46.	<i>Poecilotheria</i> spp. (Ornamental spiders)	0 – II Include in App. II	Sri Lanka, United States of America	As there is insufficient evidence that international trade contributes significantly to the decline of the species, the Union will encourage the range State to list the species in Appendix III, but would not oppose the listing in Appendix II, if agreed by the CoP by consensus. The Union will consider any further information provided by the proponents on the spot. There could be difficulties in implementation with regard to identification of captive-bred specimens.	0
47.	<i>Achillides chikae hermeli</i> (Mindoro peacock swallowtail)	0 – I	European Union, Philippines	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
48.	<i>Parides burchellianus</i> (Riverside swallowtail)	0 – I Include in App. I	Brazil	Support the proposal. This species meets Appendix I listing criteria. The species occurs in trade numbers and, due to the small population size, any trade could be detrimental.	+
49.	<i>Handroanthus</i> spp., <i>Tabebuia</i> spp. and <i>Roseodendron</i> spp. (Trumpet trees)	0 – II Include in App. II with annotation # 6	Brazil	Proposal withdrawn.	n/a
50.	<i>Widdringtonia whytei</i> (Mulanje Cedar)	0 – II Include in App. II	Malawi	Oppose unless Malawi presents evidence of international trade detrimental to the conservation of the species. The species may benefit from an Appendix III listing instead. The EU would nonetheless not	(–)

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51.	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> (North Indian rosewood)	II – 0 Delete from App. II	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal	The species is common and does not meet the biological criteria for App. II, but most likely still meets the look-alike criterion of Res 9.24 (criterion A of Annex 2b). This proposal should also be seen in conjunction with proposed amendments to annotation #15.	–
52.	<i>Dalbergia</i> spp., <i>Guibourtia demusei</i> , <i>Guibourtia pellegriniana</i> , <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i> (Rosewoods, Palisanders and Bubingas) Amendment of Annotation #15	II – II Amend annotation #15 as follows: 'All parts and derivatives, except: a. leaves, flowers, pollen, fruits, and seeds; b. finished products to a maximum weight of wood of the listed species of 500 g per item; c. finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument parts and finished musical instrument accessories; d. parts and derivatives of <i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i> , which are covered by annotation #4; parts and derivatives of <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. originating and exported from Mexico, which are covered by annotation #6.'	Canada, European Union	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
53.	<i>Pericopsis elata</i> (African rosewood) Amendment of Annotation #5	Expand the scope of the annotation for <i>Pericopsis elata</i> (currently #5) to include plywood and transformed wood as follows: 'Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood (¹). (¹) Whereby transformed wood is defined by HS code 44.09: Wood (including strips, friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled), continuously shaped (ton-gued, grooved, v-jointed, beaded or the like) along any edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed.'	Côte d'Ivoire, European Union	Co-proposed by the Union.	+
54.	<i>Pterocarpus tinctorius</i> (African padauk)	0 – II Include in App. II	Malawi	Support preferably with an annotation (potentially the new annotation as proposed for <i>Pericopsis elata</i> in Prop. 53). The species meets the biological criteria for listing in Appendix II as well as the trade criterion	(+)

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55.	<i>Aloe ferox</i> (Bitter aloe) Amendment of Annotation #4	II – II 'Amend annotation #4 for <i>Aloe ferox</i> as follows: All parts and derivatives, except: [...] f. finished products ⁽¹⁾ of <i>Aloe ferox</i> and <i>Euphorbia antisyphilitica</i> packaged and ready for retail trade. ⁽¹⁾ This term, as used in the CITES Appendices refers to product, shipped singly or in bulk, requiring No further processing, packaged, labelled for final use or the retail trade in a state fit for being sold to or used by the general public.'	South Africa	(exploitation is a significant threat to the conservation of the species, with illegal logging having boomed over recent years to meet the Asian demand). Inclusion in Appendix II would provide leverage to combat illegal trade. Support but propose draft decision(s) tasking the PC to monitor the impact of the proposed amendment and implementation of management measures. The criteria of Resolution 11.21 are met.	+
56.	<i>Adansonia grandidieri</i> (Grandier's baobab) Amendment of Annotation #16	II – II 'Seeds, fruits, oils and living plants' to the listing of <i>Adansonia grandidieri</i> in Appendix II by deleting reference to live plants, so as to read: '#16 Seeds, fruits and oils'	Switzerland	Support. The criteria of Resolution 11.21 are met.	+
57.	<i>Cedrela</i> spp. (Cedars)	0 – II Include in App. II	Ecuador	Support only if an annotation is included in the proposal with a view to restricting CITES controls to those commodities that first appear in international trade as exports from range States (to be assessed and discussed with proponents whether e.g. the new annotation as proposed for <i>Pericopsis elata</i> in Prop. 53 would be appropriate). Invite Ecuador to consider restricting the scope of the proposal to the populations of the Neotropics. The taxon meets the biological as well as the trade criteria for listing in Appendix II. The Union is a minor importer world-wide.	(+)