

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

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Sixty-first meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-19 August 2011

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemptions and special trade provisions

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Standing Committee Working Group on Personal and Household Effects.
2. At its 15th meeting (CoP15, Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 14.64 (Rev. CoP15) which reads:

*The Standing Committee shall extend the operation of its Working Group on Personal and Household Effects until the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16) and oversee the Group's work in fulfilling the following terms of reference:*

- a) *clarify the relationship between 'tourist souvenirs', 'hunting trophies' and 'personal and household effects';*
  - b) *clarify the interpretation of Article VII, paragraph 3 (b), of the Convention;*
  - c) *assess whether there are specific species or types of personal or household effects which, in view of conservation concerns, would require different treatment under Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14);*
  - d) *collate information about how each Party has implemented Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14), particularly with regard to requirements for export permits, and assess whether this indicates the need to amend the Resolution; and*
  - e) *report at each regular meeting of the Standing Committee until CoP16 and at CoP16.*
3. Document CoP15 Doc. 40 contains a summary of the Working Group's discussions to date. In anticipation of its extended operation, the Chair of the Working Group has been communicating with some Working Group members and the Secretariat about how best to make additional progress in implementing the Group's terms of reference.
  4. The Working Group will continue to work through electronic means but may also meet informally in the margins of the present meeting.

Recommendation

5. Pursuant to Decision 14.64 (Rev. CoP15), the Standing Committee is invited to extend formally the operation of its Working Group on Personal and Household Effects until the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Committee is also invited to take note of the information provided above and any updated report, whether oral or written, that the Chair of the Working Group may make at the present meeting.