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## Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'

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RECALLING that, at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the South African population of southern white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) was transferred to Appendix II of the Convention subject to an annotation stating, in part, "For the exclusive purpose of allowing international trade in live animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations and hunting trophies";

RECALLING ALSO that, at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) populations of Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe were transferred to Appendix II of the Convention subject to an annotation stating, in part, "For the exclusive purpose of allowing export of live animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations";

NOTING that the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations' is yet to be fully defined;

NOTING FURTHER that the Parties have not indicated whether the determination that destinations are 'appropriate and acceptable' was to be made by the exporting or the importing country;

RECOGNIZING that there are annotations currently existing that refer to live animals, and that similar annotations may be adopted in future;

NOTING FURTHER that appropriate and acceptable destinations for live animals should be those that ensure that the animals are humanely treated;

### THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

AGREES that, where the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations' appears in an annotation to the listing of a species in Appendix II of the Convention with reference to the export of or international trade in live animals, this term shall be defined to mean destinations where the Scientific Authority of the State of import is satisfied that the proposed recipient of a living specimen is suitably equipped to house and care for it.