

CONSIDERING that alien species can pose significant threats to biodiversity, and that species of fauna and flora in commercial trade are likely to be introduced to new habitat as a result of international trade;

RECALLING Decisions 10.54, 10.76 and 10.86 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 10th meeting (Harare, 1997);

### THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS that the Parties:

- a) consider the problems of invasive species when developing national legislation and regulations that deal with the trade in live animals or plants;
- b) consult with the Management Authority of a proposed country of import, when possible and when applicable, when considering exports of potentially invasive species, to determine whether there are domestic measures regulating such imports; and
- c) consider the opportunities for synergy between CITES and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and explore appropriate cooperation and collaboration between the two Conventions on the issue of introductions of alien species that are potentially invasive.

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\* Amended at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.