

## Access to other sources of funding

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### ***Directed to Parties***

- 16.3 All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance for ensuring the effective implementation of the Decisions and Resolutions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
- 16.4 Parties are invited to second staff to the CITES Secretariat. The salary of such seconded personnel shall be covered by the Party. All seconded personnel shall remain under the administrative authority of the sending Party and shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the CITES Secretariat.

### ***Directed to the Secretariat***

- 16.5 Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the World Bank and other relevant financial institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, shall organize a Wildlife Donor Roundtable to:
- a) share information on existing funding programmes on wildlife;
  - b) understand the long-term financial needs of developing countries to implement the Convention; and
  - c) explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife and to tackle wildlife crime.
- 16.6 The Secretariat shall present a report of its findings and recommendations at the 66th and 67th meetings of the Standing Committee, as necessary, and at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress made with regard to the implementation of Decision 16.5.

### ***Directed to the Standing Committee***

- 16.7 The Standing Committee shall review the progress of implementation of Decisions 16.5 and 16.6 at its 66th and 67th meetings, as necessary.
- 16.8 The Standing Committee shall continue its intersessional working group on *Access to finance, including GEF funding and innovative mechanisms*. This group shall provide guidance on how to secure funding to support the provision of technical assistance to CITES Parties and the Secretariat.