Electronic permitting

16.54 The Standing Committee shall extend the mandate of its Working Group on Information Technologies and Electronic Systems in order for it to perform the following tasks:

   a) collaborate with the CITES Secretariat in the drafting of funding proposals related to the development of CITES e-permitting systems;

   b) work with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, the World Customs Organization and other relevant organizations to ensure that CITES e-permits are aligned with international trade standards and norms;

   c) collaborate with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre to further develop the Electronic Permit Information eXchange to act as a clearing-house of CITES e-permits and certificates and to offer Parties in developing regions a ready-to-use electronic CITES permitting system;

   d) work with the CITES Secretariat to ensure that the CITES toolkit is updated as necessary; and

   e) support the participation in the Working Group of developing countries party to CITES.