

RECALLING that, in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention, Parties may adopt stricter domestic measures with regard to species included in Appendices I, II and III;

RECALLING that the provisions of Article XVI of the Convention require Parties to submit to the Secretariat updated copies of all domestic laws and regulations and interpretations thereof concerning species they include in Appendix III;

RECOGNIZING that: Parties have notified the Secretariat from time to time of stricter domestic measures taken by them concerning specimens of species included in Appendices I, II and III; the Secretariat has circulated notifications of such measures as well as notifications containing information bearing on the validity of certain documents of trade issued by Parties; and the Secretariat has urged the Parties to take such measures into consideration;

RECOGNIZING that some Parties may require further documentation of such measures and information in order to take appropriate action;

### THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS that:

- a) Parties informing the Secretariat of the existence, adoption or amendment of stricter domestic measures provide the Secretariat with a copy of the laws, regulations, decrees, and other documents establishing such measures, any interpretation and other information which may be of assistance in understanding such measures, citations to such laws, regulations, decrees, and other documents, and the name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address of the government organization and official responsible for implementing such measures; and
- b) Parties informing the Secretariat of the invalidity, deficiency or special requirements of permits and certificates do so in a signed statement containing the name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address of the government agency and official responsible for granting the relevant permits and certificates; and

REQUESTS that the Secretariat attach copies of the information submitted by the Parties mentioned in paragraphs a) and b) to the relevant notifications it circulates to the Parties.

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\* Amended by the Secretariat in compliance with Decision 14.19 and with the decisions adopted at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee.