

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Rhinoceroses

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses

Directed to the Secretariat

15.XX The Secretariat shall:

- a) facilitate, as a matter of urgency, and with others partners as appropriate, bilateral exchanges between key rhinoceros range States and rhinoceros horn consumer States, to improve wildlife enforcement cooperation efforts;
- b) report at the 61st and 62nd meetings of the Standing Committee on these efforts;
- c) seek funds to convene a joint CITES Ivory and Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force. Besides the Secretariat, members should include the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network Programme Coordination Unit, INTERPOL, the Lusaka Agreement Task Force, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Customs Organization and those Parties in Africa and Asia that are currently most affected by the smuggling of ivory and rhinoceros specimens. Priority should be given to including the following Parties: Cameroon, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mozambique, Nepal, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. The Task Force should undertake an exchange of intelligence regarding smuggling of ivory and rhinoceros specimens and develop strategies for combating illegal trade; and
- d) report on the work of the Task Force at the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee.

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15.XX At its 61st and 62nd meetings, the Standing Committee shall consider the reports of the Secretariat and determine what further actions, if any, are necessary.