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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES IN THE MEMBER STATES

Re: Submission of proposals to CoP 13

I am writing to you in my capacity as chair of the 30th meeting of the Committee on trade in wild flora and fauna to notify you formally of the outcome of the written procedure on the submission of Member States' listing proposals to CITES CoP 13.

The following proposals were approved by consensus:

- Proposal to list *Cheilinus undulatus* (humphead wrasse) on Appendix II (co-sponsorship with United States);
- Draft Resolution on the conservation of and trade in great apes;
- Draft discussion paper on bushmeat;
- Draft discussion paper on *Saiga tatarica* (saiga antelope);
- Draft discussion paper on electronic licensing and permit systems;
- Draft discussion paper on synergies between CBD and CITES;
- Draft discussion paper on compliance guidelines.

The following proposals were approved by qualified majority:

- Proposal to list *Lithophaga lithophaga* (European date mussel) on Appendix II;
- Proposal to annotate the Appendices to exempt trade in certain types of biological samples, including cell lines;
- Draft Resolution on retrospective issuance of permits;
- Draft Resolution on personal and household effects.

The following proposals failed to receive a qualified majority of votes in favour to achieve a qualified majority and, accordingly, cannot go forward to CoP 13:

- Proposal to list *Squalus acanthias* (spiny dogfish) on Appendix II;
- Proposal to list *Lamna nasus* (porbeagle) on Appendix II;
- Proposal to list *Caesalpinia echinata* (Pau de Brasil) on Appendix II.

This is the last occasion on which I will be writing to you as Chair of the Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Member States to the Union, and to thank colleagues in all the Member States (both new and old) for your friendly and constructive co-operation through the years.

It has been a real pleasure working with all of you for the benefit of endangered species. I was also privileged to have been counting on dedicated and effective colleagues within my former unit.

The new Head of Unit dealing with CITES matters is Mr Julio Garcia-Burgues.

Yours sincerely

(signed)
Christoph BAIL