

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



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Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

Meeting of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee of the Standing Committee

REPORT FOR THE 65TH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) of the Standing Committee met in the mornings of 7 and 8 July and at the lunch break of 7 July 2014. The present report contains the recommendations of the Subcommittee for consideration of the Standing Committee.

Martin Krebs of the Depositary Government (Switzerland) acted as interim Chair until a new Chair takes on the Chairmanship. Mr Cyril Taolo (Botswana), representing the African region, was designated to take over the Chairmanship of the FBSC after the closing of SC65.

The Secretary-General and the Administrative and Fund Management Officer were assisting the meetings of FBSC.

Representatives of all regions were present.

Agenda item SC65 Doc. 9.1

Takes note of document SC62 Doc. 9.1

- FBSC commends the Secretariat on its prudent and forward-looking budgeting and efficient use of resources;
- FBSC recommends to the SC to invite the FBSC to review the terms of reference of the administration of the Trust Fund (CTL) and to communicate electronically, if necessary, regarding any proposals for consideration by the SC with a view for adoption at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- FBSC recommends to the SC to instruct the Secretariat to liaise with other MEA Secretariats and with the United Nations Office in Nairobi on the terms of reference for the administration of the Trust Fund for Support to CITES Activities (QTL) so that the Secretariat can advise the FBSC as to whether such Terms of Reference are needed. The Secretariat shall report its findings to the FBSC intersessionally.

Agenda item SC65 Doc. 9.2

Takes note of document SC62 Doc. 9.2

- FBSC notes the report on the costed programme of work for 2012 and 2013;
- FBSC notes the report on translation costs and recommends to the SC to invite the Secretariat to continue to monitor such expenditures for the meetings of the governing bodies (CoP and SC) and the scientific committees.

Other agenda items:

– Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee:

FBSC members agree to review the TOR and communicate electronically on amendments, if any, specifically on the following:

- membership with a view on its regional balance, and
- responsibilities of the subcommittee

and to submit a proposal for an amendment to the SC.

– Registration fees for observer organizations derived from meetings of the Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee, Animals Committee and Plants Committee:

FBSC shares the view of the Secretariat that registration fees from observers shall be used to offset any deficit in translation costs for the meetings of the governing bodies (CoP and SC) and the scientific committees, as well as to cover any eventual shortfall in funds for the Sponsored Delegates Project and recommends to the SC to approve such use;

FBSC recommends to the SC to instruct the Secretariat to create a new budget line for the recording of registration fees; and

FBSC discussed the adequacy of the registration fees of observers for the meetings of the governing bodies (CoP and SC) and the scientific committees and asked the Secretariat to undergo a survey of such fees levied by other MEAs and natural resource management bodies (e.g. International Whaling Commission and ITTO). The Secretariat shall inform the FBSC on the result of such survey and advise whether there is need to increase the standard participation charge for observer organizations.

FBSC also discussed the need to consider an appropriate fee structure at future CoPs to enhance participation by local communities. The Secretariat is to consider the possibility of giving special treatment for local stakeholders, taking into account that meetings of the governing bodies and the scientific committees are taking place in countries with a strong presence of local communities.