

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

Twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Samarkand (Uzbekistan), 24 November – 5 December 2025

Summary record of the third session for Committee I

26 November 2025: 09h10 - 11h55

Chair: M. Lötscher (Switzerland)

Secretariat: T. Carroll
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Rapporteurs: S. Basrur
L. Ellam
J. Mark
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Appendices of the Convention

102. Considering the 'look-alike' criterion Annex 2B A of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II (cont.)

The Chair noted that consensus on document CoP20 Doc. 102 has not been reached but recalled that the European Union had indicated agreement to an amended draft decision proposed by the Chair in the previous session. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the author of the document, did not agree to the deletion of the decision to conduct an externally funded study on the basis that information obtained through a Notification to the Parties alone could risk capturing only a subset of Party experiences in interpreting and implementing the 'look-alike' criterion.

The European Union and its Member States explained that it was opposed to an externally funded study as it believed that any work on this topic, including the terms of reference, should first be considered by the Plants and Animals Committees. While in agreement with the Chair's compromise, the European Union and its Member States, supported by Israel, Senegal and the United States of America, proposed minor amendments to draft decisions 20.BB and 20.CC to specify that the Plants, Animals and Standing Committees should consider the information obtained in response to a Notification to the Parties to be published by the Secretariat and to make recommendations only if deemed necessary.

Colombia, also speaking on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Panama, and Uruguay, expressed a preference for the draft decisions contained in the document as amended by the Secretariat and by the United Kingdom on the floor, but proposed additional changes, including editorial revisions. These were supported by Australia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, the Central African Republic, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, the Republic of Korea,

Tonga and the United Kingdom.

Sierra Leone, New Zealand and TRAFFIC International (also on behalf of the International Union for Conservation of Nature), supported the draft decisions, as originally proposed in the document and amended by the Secretariat and by the United Kingdom on the floor.

There being no consensus, the European Union and its Member States requested a vote.

The Chair advised that Parties would need to vote on the two sets of proposed draft decisions, as amended. In accordance with Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure, Parties would first decide on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original text and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom. The Chair clarified, at the behest of New Zealand, that the set of decisions as amended by Colombia and as agreed by the United Kingdom would supersede the original draft decisions outlined in the document. The Chair also explained that if neither proposal was accepted by the Committee, then the Committee would not recommend any decisions to the plenary.

The Chair first called for a vote on the proposed draft decisions suggested by the Chair, as amended by the European Union and its Member States, as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

20.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification inviting Parties to submit information on their interpretation of criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), their experiences of using criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) when compiling or evaluating a listing proposal, and any problems or benefits regarding implementation and regulation of the species under CITES resulting from look-alike listings;
- b) ~~subject to external funding, undertake a study, with case studies as appropriate, on the application and implementation of criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) examining: i) the proposals to list species under this criterion; ii) the conservation benefits for both the target species and the look-alike species; and iii) achievements or challenges associated with the implementation of the listing;~~
- c) ~~b) compile the information received from Parties under 20.AA a) and the study under 20.BB b) and provide a summary of information together with any observations and/or recommendations for guidance (including clarifying definitions) to support the application of criterion A of Annex 2b of Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for consideration by the Standing Committee and Animals and Plants Committees, including reflections on the potential need for further guidance on the matter.~~

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

20.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall consider the ~~information gathered~~ report under Decision 20.AA e)-b) and other relevant information and, ~~if deemed necessary, shall~~ make recommendations in relation to the implementation of criterion A of Annex 2b of Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for consideration to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

20.CC The Standing Committee shall consider the ~~report in Decision 20.AA e), other relevant information, and the recommendations, if any, of the~~ Animals and Plants Committees and shall submit, ~~if deemed necessary,~~ recommendations for consideration to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

With 59 votes in favour, 63 against and six abstentions, the first set of proposed draft decisions was rejected.

The Chair then called for a vote on the second set of proposed draft decisions contained in the document as amended by the Secretariat and by the United Kingdom and Colombia as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

20.AA The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification inviting Parties to submit information on their implementation interpretation of criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), their experiences of using criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) when compiling or evaluating a listing proposal, and any problems or benefits regarding implementation and regulation of the species under CITES resulting from look-alike listings.
- b) subject to external funding, undertake an assessment of all information submitted by Parties study, in addition to with case studies as appropriate, on the application and implementation of criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) examining:
 - i) the proposals to list species under this criterion;
 - ii) the conservation, administrative, regulatory, compliance and enforcement benefits and risks with respect to for both the target species and the look-alike species of including, or not, look-alike species in Appendix II; and
 - iii) achievements or challenges associated with the implementation of the listing.
- c) compile the information received from Parties under 20.AA a) and the assessment study under 20.AA b) and provide a summary and all information provided by Parties together with any observations and/or recommendations for guidance (including clarifying definitions) to support the application of criterion A of Annex 2b of Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for consideration by the Standing Committee and Animals and Plants Committees, including reflections on the potential need for further guidance on the matter

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

20.BB The Animals and Plants Committees shall consider the summary and all information provided by Parties report under Decision 20.AA c), and other relevant information, and make recommendations in relation to the implementation of criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for consideration to the Standing Committee, as appropriate.

Directed to the Standing Committee

20.CC The Standing Committee shall consider the summary and all information provided by Parties report in Decision 20.AA c), other relevant information, and the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees and shall submit recommendations for consideration to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

With 79 votes in favour, 40 against and 10 abstentions, and not having achieved the required two-thirds' majority, the second set of proposed draft decisions was rejected.

112. Higher taxon listings in the Appendices

The Chair introduced document CoP20 Doc. 112 proposing amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature* and deletion of Decisions 19.272 and 19.273.

Argentina, Australia, Canada, the European Union and its Member States, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, Philippines, Senegal, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America supported the document's recommendations. These were not supported by

the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon and Mali.

The Russian Federation, supported by the Central African Republic, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Gabon, believed that higher taxon listings were often not appropriate in many cases, and thought that the document lacked clarity on the circumstances in which such listings would be appropriate. The European Union suggested that a simple graphic illustrating the different scenarios might be a useful future addition either in an Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) or somewhere on the CITES website, subject to funding and capacity.

The amendments to paragraph 2 f) of Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature* contained in paragraph 14 a) of document CoP20 Doc. 112 were accepted and the deletion of Decisions 19.272 and 19.273 was agreed.

Species conservation and trade

71. Assessment of Appendix-I listed species

The Chair introduced document CoP20 Doc. 71.

The European Union and its Member States expressed their support.

The report and the recommendations by the Animals and Plants Committees were noted. The deletion of Decisions 19.184 and 19.185 was agreed.

Proposals to amend the Appendices

114. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II: CoP20 Prop. 46

Proposal CoP20 Prop. 46 to transfer *Paubrasilia echinata* from Appendix II to Appendix I was introduced by Brazil.

Argentina, on behalf of Central and South America and Caribbean, Burkina Faso, China, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Suriname, the United Republic of Tanzania, Species Survival Network, on behalf of other organizations, and TRAFFIC (also on behalf of the International Union for Conservation of Nature) expressed support for the proposal.

Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the International Society of Violin and Bow Makers, on behalf of the International Pernambuco Conservation Initiative-USA, the International Alliance of Violin and Bow Makers for Endangered Species, and the American Federation of Violin and Bow Makers, opposed the proposal.

The European Union and its Member States, supported by Australia, Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, and the International Society of Violin and Bow Makers proposed an in-session working group be established to discuss the proposal alongside document CoP20 Doc. 97 on *Brazilwood*.

The United Kingdom, the United States of America, and TRAFFIC, suggested that amendments to annotation #10 and the application of a zero-export quota could be considered as an alternative to the proposed transfer to Appendix I.

The meeting was adjourned at 11h55.

Motion Item 102 Amend 2 [26.11.2025 10:40:22 AM]

Item 102 Amend 2

Quorum: Yes > 66.66%

EU-Vote: individual

YES: 48.36%

1	AFGHANISTAN	Not Allowed
2	ALBANIA	Not Allowed
3	ALGERIA	NO
4	ANDORRA	Not Allowed
5	ANGOLA	Not Present
6	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	NO
7	ARGENTINA	Not Allowed
8	ARMENIA	YES
9	AUSTRALIA	NO
10	AUSTRIA	YES
11	AZERBAIJAN	Not Allowed
12	BAHAMAS	YES
13	BAHRAIN	Not Present
14	BANGLADESH	Present
15	BARBADOS	Not Allowed
16	BELARUS	Not Allowed
17	BELGIUM	YES
18	BELIZE	NO
19	BENIN	NO
20	BHUTAN	Not Allowed
21	BOLIVIA	NO
22	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	Not Allowed
23	BOTSWANA	YES
24	BRAZIL	NO
25	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	Not Allowed
26	BULGARIA	YES
27	BURKINA FASO	NO
28	BURUNDI	YES
29	CABO VERDE	Not Allowed
30	CAMBODIA	NO
31	CAMEROON	NO
32	CANADA	NO
33	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	NO
34	CHAD	Not Allowed
35	CHILE	NO
36	CHINA	NO
37	COLOMBIA	NO
38	COMOROS	YES
39	CONGO	NO
40	CONGO (DRC)	NO
41	COSTA RICA	NO
42	COTE D'IVOIRE	NO
43	CROATIA	YES
44	CUBA	Not Allowed
45	CYPRUS	YES
46	CZECHIA	YES
47	DENMARK	YES
48	DJIBOUTI	ABST
49	DOMINICA	Not Allowed

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50	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	ABST
51	ECUADOR	NO
52	EGYPT	Not Allowed
53	EL SALVADOR	YES
54	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	YES
55	ERITREA	Not Allowed
56	ESTONIA	YES
57	ESWATINI	NO
58	ETHIOPIA	Not Allowed
59	EUROPEAN UNION	Present
60	FIJI	NO
61	FINLAND	YES
62	FRANCE	YES
63	GABON	NO
64	GAMBIA (THE)	YES
65	GEORGIA	Not Allowed
66	GERMANY	YES
67	GHANA	NO
68	GREECE	YES
69	GRENADA	Not Allowed
70	GUATAMALA	NO
71	GUINEA	Not Allowed
72	GUINEA-BISSAU	YES
73	GUYANA	Not Allowed
74	HONDURAS	YES
75	HUNGARY	YES
76	ICELAND	Not Present
77	INDIA	Present
78	INDONESIA	YES
79	IRAN	NO
80	IRAQ	NO
81	IRELAND	YES
82	ISRAEL	YES
83	ITALY	YES
84	JAMAICA	Not Allowed
85	JAPAN	NO
86	JORDAN	Not Present
87	KAZAKHSTAN	Not Present
88	KENYA	YES
89	KUWAIT	NO
90	KYRGYZSTAN	Not Present
91	LAO	Present
92	LATVIA	YES
93	LEBANON	NO
94	LESOTHO	YES
95	LIBERIA	Present
96	LIBYA	Not Allowed
97	LIECHTENSTEIN	NO
98	LITHUANIA	YES
99	LUXEMBOURG	YES
100	MADAGASCAR	Present
101	MALAWI	NO
102	MALAYSIA	NO

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103	MALDIVES	NO
104	MALI	YES
105	MALTA	YES
106	MAURITANIA	ABST
107	MAURITIUS	NO
108	MEXICO	NO
109	MONACO	NO
110	MONGOLIA	YES
111	MONTENEGRO	Not Present
112	MOROCCO	Not Present
113	MOZAMBIQUE	NO
114	MYANMAR	Not Allowed
115	NAMIBIA	NO
116	NEPAL	YES
117	NETHERLANDS	YES
118	NEW ZEALAND	NO
119	NICARAGUA	NO
120	NIGER	Not Allowed
121	NIGERIA	NO
122	NORTH MACEDONIA	Not Allowed
123	NORWAY	YES
124	OMAN	NO
125	PAKISTAN	ABST
126	PALAU	NO
127	PANAMA	YES
128	PAPUA NEW GUINNEA	NO
129	PARAGUAY	Not Allowed
130	PERU	Not Allowed
131	PHILIPPINES	NO
132	POLAND	YES
133	PORTUGAL	YES
134	QATAR	NO
135	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	NO
136	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	Not Allowed
137	ROMANIA	YES
138	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	NO
139	RWANDA	Not Allowed
140	SAINT KITTS & NEVIS	YES
141	SAINT LUCIA	NO
142	SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	Not Allowed
143	SAMOA	NO
144	SAN MARINO	Not Allowed
145	SAO TOME & PRICIPE	Not Allowed
146	SAUDI ARABIA	NO
147	SENEGAL	YES
148	SERBIA	Not Allowed
149	SEYCHELLES	YES
150	SIERRA LEONE	Not Allowed
151	SINGAPORE	NO
152	SLOVAKIA	YES
153	SLOVENIA	YES
154	SOLOMON ISLANDS	ABST
155	SOMALIA	ABST

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157	SPAIN	YES
158	SRI LANKA	YES
159	SUDAN	NO
160	SURINAME	YES
161	SWEDEN	YES
162	SWITZERLAND	NO
163	TAJIKISTAN	Not Allowed
164	TANZANIA	YES
165	THAILAND	NO
166	THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	YES
167	TOGO	YES
168	TONGA	Not Allowed
169	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	YES
170	TUNISIA	Not Present
171	TURKIYE	YES
172	TURKMENISTAN	Not Allowed
173	UGANDA	YES
174	UKRAINE	Not Allowed
175	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	NO
176	UNITED KINGDOM	NO
177	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	YES
178	URUGUAY	NO
179	UZBEKISTAN	YES
180	VANUATU	NO
181	VENEZUELA	Not Allowed
182	VIET NAM	NO
183	YEMEN	Not Allowed
184	ZAMBIA	NO
185	ZIMBABWE	NO

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Quorum: Yes > 66.66%

EU-Vote: individual

YES: 66.39%

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180	VANUATU	YES
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