

A full-page photograph of a giraffe standing in a savanna landscape. The giraffe is the central focus, with its long neck extending towards the top left. The background is a clear blue sky and a field of tall, dry grass. The overall tone is natural and serene.

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**summary of
recommendations
CITES CoP18**

**convention on international trade in
endangered species of wild fauna and flora**



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working documents

agenda item	title	ifaw recommendation
12	Securing better implementation of marine fish species listings	Oppose. Doc. 12 fails to acknowledge the positive impacts of marine species listings and applies blanket conclusions on their effectiveness based on some limited implementation challenges, which should not be presumed to occur for any future proposals.
33	Combating wildlife cybercrime	Support with minor amendments. The proposals will better guide Parties in efforts to tackle the growing threat of wildlife trafficking online, and can be enhanced by amendments linking work to existing cross-sector initiatives.
35	Disposal of confiscated specimens	Support with amendments. IFAW supports encouraging information sharing on best practices but given the scale of the challenges facing Parties in dealing with confiscated live animals, IFAW believes Parties should also support further capacity building in this area.
43	Specimens produced from synthetic or cultured DNA	Amend. Products, such as rhino horn, produced through synthetic technologies are likely to be brought to the market prior to CoP19, so delaying full consideration of this subject until after CoP18 could have devastating consequences. A Decision is required in the interim that makes clear any products coming onto the market are regulated by CITES because they are 'readily recognizable' as CITES specimens, regardless of their provenance.
44	Definition of the term 'appropriate and acceptable destinations'	Support both documents. The guidance in Doc. 44.1 for Parties to use to determine whether a recipient is "suitably equipped to house and care for" living specimens of Appendix I species is long overdue. IFAW also shares the view that the only real benefit for <i>in situ</i> conservation of African elephants can be achieved by keeping elephants in their natural range, where they can form productive parts of the ecosystems to which they belong.
46	Quotas for leopard hunting trophies	Support. Discussion of leopard hunting quotas at Standing Committee revealed that many quotas had been in place for some time without review. Doc. 46 proposes that hunting quotas for any Appendix I species, not just leopards, should be regularly reviewed. Given the perilous state of many of these species, this is a sensible approach.
49	Implications of the transfer of a species to Appendix I	Support both documents. Parties must conclusively reject the idea that specimens acquired while the species was on Appendix II, should continue to be treated as Appendix II specimens after an uplisting. Such a derogation would complicate the verification of legal acquisition, incentivise and reward stockpiling, and create an opportunity to launder poached specimens. The law is applied at the time of trade, which is the activity regulated by CITES, meaning that if a species has been uplisted since it was acquired, it is the listing status at the time of trade that applies.

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60	Illegal trade in cheetahs	Support with amendments. IFAW welcomes the Cheetah Resource kit developed intersessionally but believes a more user-friendly shorter version may be required for frontline officers in the field. Also, an additional Decision is required to develop specific, time-bound recommendations for source, transit and consumer nations.
69.1	Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	Amend. Parties should support proposals on ivory stockpile management in Doc. 69.4 over the proposal by the Secretariat in Doc. 69.1. However, IFAW urges Parties to support the draft Decisions on Asian elephants, which extend their scope to include parts and derivatives, not just live elephants. Further changes to the National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP) guidance are required in addition to those proposed by the Secretariat in Doc. 69.1, in order to improve the information available to Parties and to improve the assessments of NIAPs.
69.2	Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)	CoP is only requested to take note of the MIKE report. IFAW notes with concern that the Proportion of Illegally Killed Elephants (PIKE) in southern Africa has increased, and remains alarmingly high in Central and West Africa.
69.3	Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)	CoP is only requested to take note of the ETIS report. Decisions on which countries participate in the NIAP process are taken by the Standing Committee. IFAW notes with concern that the Secretariat is recommending no additional Parties be included in the NIAP process. This does not seem appropriate given the range of concerns about ongoing ivory trafficking expressed in the ETIS report.
69.4	Ivory stockpiles: Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Trade in elephant specimens</i>	Support. It has been more than four years since Parties first requested guidance on management of ivory stockpiles. The proposal offers a practical way of advancing the long-overdue guidance at COP18 itself, rather than waiting for another CoP cycle.
69.5	Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on the closure of domestic ivory markets	Support. Parties should support proposed amendments to tighten language in Res. Conf. 10.10 regarding domestic ivory market closures. The closure of such markets under the strictest regulation is a necessary complement to supply side efforts to curb poaching and illegal trade.
71	Asian big cats	Support Doc. 71.2. It has been more than 11 years since Decision 14.69 was adopted, which sought to address drivers of illegal trade in Asian big cats, but it is yet to be implemented. Doc. 71.2 (India) proposes a number of draft Decisions to advance implementation, addressing concerns around captive facilities, enforcement efforts, international trade and domestic regulation.

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75	Pangolins	Amend. Illegal trade in pangolin specimens continues to take place at an industrial scale. In Doc. 75, the Secretariat states that it is essential for Parties to remain vigilant and to scale up efforts, including for consumer States to reduce demand. The draft Decisions should be amended to include actions directed specifically towards consumer states on demand reduction because at present the Decisions are only directed at range states.
77	Jaguar	Support both documents (merge). There is increasing evidence that illegal trade in jaguar parts in Latin America may be on the rise, potentially driving population declines and local extinctions. Both documents aim to improve understanding of trade in jaguar parts and increase enforcement in broadly similar ways and could be merged.
83	Rhinoceroses	Support Doc. 83.1 with amendments. Support 83.2. While recent growth in rhino populations is welcome, poaching and trafficking of rhino parts remains very high and Parties must not step back from the trade controls that have contributed to population recovery. The draft Decisions in Doc. 83.1 could be improved by more specific recommendations to priority countries. Ifaw supports the intent behind Doc. 83.2 to ensure domestic markets for rhino horn are closed.
86	Saiga antelope	Support. IFAW welcomes the draft Decisions on saiga antelope, which include the addition of a draft Decision on stockpile management added by the Standing Committee at SC70. Parties may wish to consider emphasising more explicitly in the Decisions that consumer nations make efforts to reduce demand for saiga products to support Conservation actions by range states.
104	Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on <i>Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II</i>	Support. The process for reviewing proposals to transfer African elephant populations on the CITES appendices established by Res. Conf. 10.9 was introduced before the most recent revisions to Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II</i> , which have made Res. Conf. 10.9 redundant.

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2	<i>Saiga tatarica</i> (saiga antelope) – transfer from App II to App I	Support (with amendment to clarify nomenclature). Saiga horns are traded in large numbers, both legally and illegally. The currently voluntary moratoria on exports of saiga products by all saiga range States is not an official CITES zero commercial quota. Inclusion in Appendix I will help ensure trade will not contribute to population declines, and will help encourage greater enforcement and demand reduction efforts.
5	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (giraffe) – include in App II	Support. Giraffe numbers have declined by 40% over the last 30 years, and while difficult to determine the exact scale of the international trade in giraffes, there is clear evidence that the species is in demand internationally. Listing in Appendix II would ensure trade in legally acquired giraffe parts is not contributing to further declines and provide global scale trade data that could not otherwise be obtained.
6	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i> (small-clawed otter) – transfer from App II to App I	Support. Small-clawed otter populations are declining due to various threats including poaching, trade in otter pelts and a burgeoning online trade in Asian small-clawed otter pups as pets. Inclusion on Appendix I will prevent further declines by preventing opportunities for laundering illegally wild caught otters in legal trade.
7	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i> (smooth-coated otter) – transfer from App II to App I	Support. Smooth-coated otter populations are declining due to various threats including poaching, trade in otter pelts, which are most frequently obtained from smooth-coated otters, and an emerging trade in wild-caught live otters for the pet trade. Inclusion on Appendix I will prevent further declines by preventing opportunities for laundering illegally wild caught otters in legal trade.
8	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> (southern white rhinoceros) – remove annotation for Eswatini population	Oppose. Removal of the annotation to the listing of the Eswatini population of southern white rhinos would allow commercial international trade in rhino horn. Poaching levels for rhinos remain dangerously high and any legal market for rhino horn would create enforcement problems by providing legal cover for the laundering of illegal products and stimulate demand, undermining years of demand reduction work in consumer nations.
9	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> (southern white rhinoceros) – transfer Namibian population from App I to App II for the exclusive purpose of trade in live animals and hunting trophies	Oppose. 75% of the Namibian southern white rhino population is in private ownership and it is unclear whether exchange of genetic material occurs between the privately held rhinos and the rhinos in national parks, yet Namibia includes all privately-owned rhinos in its population estimate for wild rhinos. The 267 rhinos existing in national parks qualify as a very small population under CITES guidelines, meaning an Appendix I listing may remain justified.

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10	<i>Loxodonta Africana</i> (African elephant) – transfer Zambian population from App I to App II for purposes of ivory stockpile sales, hunting trophies, hides and leather	Oppose. Previous ‘experimental’ ivory stockpile sales did not satisfy market demand nor reduce poaching. Any legal market in ivory presents opportunities for the laundering of illegal ivory. IFAW has yet to see any evidence that legal ivory trade can be adequately controlled to prevent this happening.
11	<i>Loxodonta Africana</i> (African elephant) – amend App II annotation for populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe	Oppose. Amendment of the existing annotation for these populations of elephants would allow ivory stockpile sales to approved trading partners at any point in the future. Previous ‘experimental’ ivory stockpile sales did not satisfy market demand nor reduce poaching. Any legal market in ivory presents opportunities for the laundering of illegal ivory. IFAW has yet to see any evidence that legal ivory trade can be adequately controlled to prevent this happening.
12	<i>Loxodonta Africana</i> (African elephant) - transfer of populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe from App II to App I	Conditional support/abstain. 76% of Africa’s elephants belong to transboundary populations and at a continental level, listing all African elephants on Appendix I is justified. However, the proposal risks inspiring reservations by certain range and consumer nations which would create an ivory trading regime outside of CITES control and in such circumstances would not achieve the aims of the proponents. IFAW therefore urges Parties to focus instead on the closure of domestic markets (see Doc. 69.5).
31	<i>Ctenosaura spp</i> (spiny-tailed iguanas) – include in App II	Support. Most species of spiny-tailed iguanas are threatened with extinction and legal and illegal trade occurs, primarily for pet markets in Europe and the US. Identification to species level is very difficult and an Appendix II listing of all species in the genus would simplify enforcement.
36	<i>Geochelone elegans</i> (star tortoise) – transfer from App II to App I	Support. Vulnerable to extinction, illegal collection from the wild for the international trade is the most important threat to star tortoises, which are the single most seized species of tortoise or freshwater turtle worldwide. Inclusion in Appendix I will help ensure that international trade of wild tortoises will not contribute to further population declines.
37	<i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> (pancake tortoise) – transfer from App II to App I	Support. The pancake tortoise is particularly popular in the live pet trade in Europe and the US due to its unusual appearance and behavior. Harvesting of wild specimens for the international trade in live animals is largely recognised as the single most important threat to the species, leading to 80% population reductions according to a recent draft IUCN assessment.

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38	<i>Hyalinobatrachium</i> spp., <i>Centrolene</i> spp., <i>Cochranella</i> spp., and <i>Sachatamia</i> spp. (glass frogs) – include in App II	Support. Glass frogs are targeted for the international exotic pet trade due to their unique transparent appearance. Inclusion in Appendix II would ensure trade is not contributing to population declines and inclusion of all species is necessary due to difficulties in distinguishing between them.
42	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> and <i>Isurus paucus</i> (mako sharks) – include in App II	Support. As many as one million mako sharks are caught each year due to high international demand for their fins and meat, leading to population declines of 60-96% worldwide. Inclusion in Appendix II for the shortfin mako and the lookalike longfin mako shark will encourage sustainable fisheries management in order to meet requirements for international trade under CITES.
43	<i>Glaucostegus</i> spp. (guitarfishes) – include in App II	Support. Populations of giant guitarfishes are declining rapidly across their range, targeted for their fins that are very highly valued in international trade. This has led to local extinctions and severe declines in some populations. Inclusion in Appendix II will limit trade to sustainable levels, and drive domestic management action throughout their range, allowing their populations to survive and recover.
44	<i>Rhinidae</i> spp. (wedgfishes) – include in App II	Support. Wedgfishes hold the highest value of all fins found for sale in Hong Kong SAR, China. With little to no management to mitigate fisheries risks to the species, population declines of up to 86% in some areas have taken place over a period of only five years – exceeding the CITES criteria for an Appendix II listing, and actually qualifying for Appendix I. An Appendix II listing will encourage coordinated management of the international trade in these species, and drive domestic action.
45	<i>Holothuria (Microthele) fuscogilva</i> , <i>Holothuria (Microthele) nobilis</i> , <i>Holothuria (Microthele) whitmaei</i> (sea cucumbers) – include in App II	Support. The distinctive appearance of the three “teatfish” species make them recognisable from other sea cucumbers, even in dried form. International trade is driving the majority of fishing for these species, with most fisheries unregulated. Catches have grown dramatically since the 1980s, leading to declines of 30-70%. Inclusion in Appendix II will limit trade to sustainable levels, and drive domestic management action.



schedule

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Fri 16 Aug	71st Standing Committee		
Sat 17 Aug 09.00 – 13.00	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Welcoming address</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of Chair, Alternate Chair and Vice-Chairs of the meeting and of Chairs of Committees I and II 2. Adoption of the agenda 3. Adoption of the working programme 4. Rules of Procedure 5. Credentials Committee 6. Admission of observers 9. Committee reports and recommendations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1 Standing Committee 9.2 Animals Committee 9.3 Plants Committee 		
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Sun 25 Aug 14.00 – 17.00	105. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II (cont.)	61. Sturgeons and paddlefish (<i>Acipenseriformes</i> spp.) 78. Illegal trade in Tibetan antelope (<i>Pantholops hodgsonii</i>) 88. Tortoises and freshwater turtles (<i>Testudines</i> spp.) 91. Conservation of vicuña (<i>Vicugna vicugna</i>) and trade in its fibre and products
Mon 26 Aug 09.00 – 12.00	105. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II (cont.)	98. Reservations with respect to amendments to Appendices I and II 100. Inclusion of species in Appendix III 103. Guidance for the publication of the Appendices
Mon 26 Aug 14.00 – 17.00	105. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II (cont.)	24. Review of Resolutions 25. Review of Decisions



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Tue 27 Aug
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Plenary

- (Com.II) **4.2** Review of the Rules of Procedure
- (Com.II) **7.1** Administration of the Secretariat
- (Com.II) **7.2** Report of the Executive Director of UNEP on administrative and other matters
- (Com.II) **7.3** Financial reports for 2016-2019
- (Com.II) **7.4** Budget and work programme for 2020 to 2022
- (Com.II) **7.5** Access to funding, including GEF funding
- (Com.II) **7.6** Sponsored delegates project
- (Com.II) **8.** Draft resolution on language strategy for the Convention
- Plen. **9.1.2** Election of new regional and alternate regional members, Standing Committee
- Plen. **9.2.2** Election of new regional and alternate regional members, Animals Committee
- Plen. **9.3.2** Election of new regional and alternate regional members, Plants Committee
- (Com.II) **10.** CITES Strategic Vision post-2020
- (Com.II) **11.** Review of the Convention
- (Com.I) **12.** Securing better implementation of marine fish species listings in the Appendices
- (Com.II) **13.** Revision of Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP17) on *Establishment of committees*
- (Com.II) **14.** Potential conflicts of interest in the Animals and Plants Committees
- 15.** Cooperation with organizations and multilateral environmental agreements
- (Com.II) **15.1** Cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions
- (Com.II) **15.2** Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
- (Com.II) **15.3** Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
- (Com.II) **15.4** Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- (Com.II) **15.5** International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime
- (Com.II) **15.6** Cooperation between CITES and the World Heritage Convention
- (Com.I) **16.** CITES tree species programme
- 17.** Rural Communities
- (Com.II) **17.1** Report of the Standing Committee
- (Com.II) **17.2** Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP17) and Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)
- (Com.II) **17.3** Participatory mechanism for rural communities
- 18.** CITES and livelihoods
- (Com.II) **18.1** Report of the Secretariat
- (Com.II) **18.2** Proposal by Peru
- (Com.II) **18.3** Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17)
- (Com.II) **19.** Food security and livelihoods
- (Com.II) **20.** Demand reduction strategies to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species
- 21.** Capacity building and identification materials
- (Com.II) **21.1** Capacity-building and identification materials
- (Com.II) **21.2** Capacity-building activities specified in Resolutions and Decisions
- (Com.II) **21.3** Framework to facilitate coordination, transparency and accountability of CITES capacity-building efforts
- (Com.II) **22.** United Nations World Wildlife Day
- (Com.II) **23.** Youth engagement
- (Com.II) **24.** Review of Resolutions
- (Com.II) **25.** Review of Decisions
- (Com.II) **26.** National laws for implementation of the Convention
- (Com.II) **27.** CITES compliance matters
- (Com.II) **28.** Compliance Assistance Programme
- (Com.II) **29.** Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews
- 30.** Compliance in relation to Malagasy ebonies (*Diospyros* spp.) and palisanders and rosewoods (*Dalbergia* spp.)
- (Com.II) **30.1** Report of Madagascar
- (Com.II) **30.2** Report of the Standing Committee
- (Com.II) **31.** Domestic markets for frequently illegally traded specimens
- (Com.II) **32.** Enforcement matters
- 33.** Combating wildlife cybercrime
- (Com.II) **33.1** Report of the Secretariat
- (Com.II) **33.2** Report of the Standing Committee
- (Com.II) **34.** Wildlife crime enforcement support in West and Central Africa
- (Com.II) **35.** Disposal of confiscated specimens
- (Com.II) **36.** Storage and management of illegal trade data collected through the Parties' annual illegal trade reports
- (Com.II) **37.** Working conditions of wildlife rangers and their implications for implementation of CITES

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Plenary

- 69.** Elephants (*Elephantidae* spp.)
- (Com.II) **69.1** Implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens*
- (Com.II) **69.2** Report on Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)
- (Com.II) **69.3** Report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)
- (Com.II) **69.4** Ivory stockpiles: proposed revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens*
- (Com.II) **69.5** Implementing aspects of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on the closure of domestic ivory markets
- (Com.I) **70.** Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and other marine turtles (Cheloniidae and Dermochelyidae)
- 71.** Asian big cats (*Felidae* spp.)
- (Com.II) **71.1** Report of the Secretariat
- (Com.II) **71.2** Draft decisions on Asian big cats
- (Com.I) **72.** Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.) on CITES – a roadmap to success
- (Com.I) **73.** Great apes (*Hominidae* spp.)
- (Com.I) **74.** Rosewood timber species [Leguminosae (Fabaceae)]
- (Com.I) **75.** Pangolins (*Manis* spp.)
- 76.** African lion (*Panthera leo*)
- (Com.I) **76.1** Report of the Secretariat
- (Com.I) **76.2** Conservation of and trade in African lions
- 77.** Jaguar (*Panthera onca*)
- (Com.II) **77.1** Jaguar trade
- (Com.II) **77.2** Illegal trade in jaguar
- (Com.II) **78.** Illegal trade in Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*)
- (Com.I) **79.** Songbird trade and conservation management (Passeriformes)
- (Com.I) **80.** African cherry (*Prunus africana*)
- (Com.I) **81.** African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*)
- (Com.I) **82.** Banggai cardinalfish (*Pterapogon kauderni*)
- 83.** Rhinoceroses (*Rhinocerotidae* spp.)
- (Com.II) **83.1** Report of the Standing Committee and the Secretariat
- (Com.II) **83.2** Revisions to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses*, and associated decisions
- (Com.I) **84.** Helmeted hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*)
- (Com.I) **85.** Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*)
- (Com.I) **86.** Saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.)
- (Com.I) **87.** Conservation of the Titicaca water frog (*Telmatobius culeus*)
- (Com.II) **88.** Tortoises and freshwater turtles (*Testudines* spp.)
- (Com.I) **89.** Totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*)
- (Com.I) **90.** Black Sea bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus ponticus*)
- (Com.II) **91.** Conservation of vicuña (*Vicugna vicugna*) and trade in its fibre and products
- (Com.I) **92.** Appendix-I listed species
- (Com.I) **93.** Neotropical tree species
- (Com.I) **94.** Conservation management of and trade in marine ornamental fishes
- (Com.II) **95.** Guidance materials, activities and tools aimed at enhancing Parties' capacity to regulate bushmeat trade
- (Com.I) **96.** African Carnivores Initiative
- (Com.I) **97.** West African vulture trade and conservation management
- (Com.II) **98.** Reservations with respect to amendments to Appendices I and II
- (Com.I) **99.** Standard nomenclature
- (Com.II) **100.** Inclusion of species in Appendix III
- (Com.II) **101.** Annotations
- (Com.II) **102.** Annotations for Appendix-II orchids
- (Com.II) **103.** Guidance for the publication of the Appendices
- (Com.I) **104.** Review of Resolution Conf. 10.9 on *Consideration of proposals for the transfer of African elephant populations from Appendix I to Appendix II*
- (Com.I) **105.** Proposals to amend Appendices I and II

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Wed 28 Aug 14.00 – 16.00	Plenary (Com.I) 105. Proposals to amend Appendices I and II Plen. 106. Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties Plen. 107 Closing remarks
Wed 28 Aug 17.00 – 18.00	72nd meeting of the Standing Committee and extraordinary meetings of the Animals and Plants Committees



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