

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

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Forty-ninth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 22-25 April 2003

Strategic and administrative matters

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

1. In accordance with Rule 6, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee, 24 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) submitted to the Secretariat a request to attend the 49th meeting of the Standing Committee, before 22 March 2003. The information received was transmitted to members of the Standing Committee for comment on 27 March 2003.
2. One NGO submitted its request after the deadline of 22 March but has been included among the 24 referred to in paragraph 1 exceptionally, and only because the Management Authority concerned submitted its approval directly to the Secretariat before the deadline.
3. Of the NGOs that submitted requests, four did not provide, and had not previously provided, sufficient information to demonstrate that they were technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora.
4. Of those that remained, all provided proof of the approval of the Management Authority of the State in which they are located. In some cases, however, this proof was provided some time after the request was made.
5. Members of the Committee provided their comments on these requests to the Chairman of the Standing Committee.
6. In consequence, the Secretariat, on behalf of the Chairman of the Standing Committee, sent to the NGOs listed in the Annex to this document an invitation to attend the 49th meeting. This Annex also includes the names of two intergovernmental organizations that were invited to attend.