

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



Fifty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 6-10 July 2009

Strategic matters

COOPERATION BETWEEN PARTIES AND PROMOTION OF MULTILATERAL MEASURES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. A Working Group on Multilateral Measures was established at the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, July 2008) and it was agreed that its composition and chair would be determined through a postal procedure.
3. The postal procedure was initiated in October 2008 and resulted in nominations for membership in the Working Group from North America (United States of America) and Oceania (Australia).
4. In April 2009, the Secretariat advised members of the Standing Committee that it was still waiting for nominations for membership in the Working Group from Africa, Asia, Central and South America and the Caribbean, and Europe. Shortly thereafter, Europe provided a nomination for membership in the Working Group (Germany).
5. One non-governmental organization (International Environmental Law Project) has expressed interest in participating in the Working Group, if possible.
6. Safari Club International recently provided USD 5,000 to the Secretariat for the consultancy envisaged under Decision 14.30 of the Conference of the Parties. A consultant to undertake the work and a time-frame for its completion have yet to be determined.

Recommendation

7. The Standing Committee should obtain nominations from Africa, Asia, and Central and South America and the Caribbean for membership in the Working Group, if none has been received by 5 July 2009.