

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



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ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE STATE OF QATAR TO COMBAT ILLEGAL TRANSIT MOVEMENT
OF ELEPHANT IVORY AND OTHER WORKED IVORY PRODUCTS

This information document has been submitted by Qatar in relation to agenda item 29.3 on *National ivory action plans process: Report of the Secretariat*.*

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Actions taken by the State of Qatar to combat illegal transit movement of elephant ivory and other worked ivory products.

On response to the cases of seizure of elephant ivory , both raw and worked ivory , Qatar CITES Management Authority has held meeting with the following departments at Hamad International Airport to strengthen the control of transport of wildlife shipments through the airport:

- 1- General Authority of Customs.
- 2- Airport Security Department
- 3- Qatar Airways.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the practical steps which can be taken to control illegal transportation of wildlife products on Qatar Airways and other carriers , and develop mechanism for control , prevention , detection , enforcement, sharing of information among the concerned authorities in the airport , and reporting the illegal wildlife transportation.

The meeting agreed on mechanism and procedures to be followed in the following cases , where any wildlife specimens arrived at the airport without the required CITES document:

- 1- In case of passenger coming to Qatar arrived in the airport with specimen of CITES listed species and without CITES document, the Customs Office after consulting CITES enforcement office in the airport , shall send the owner and the specimen to the Airport Security Office with seizure report for taking him to the Capital Police Department for legal proceedings , according to the provisions of our Law No. (5) of 2006 on regulation of trade in Endangered Wildlife Species. The Customs Office shall send the seizure report to CITES management authority for reporting the seizure case to CITES Secretariat according to the procedures to be followed in such cases .
- 2- Passenger on transit with wildlife products without CITES document shall be seized by the Airport Security Department

and handed with the seized specimen to the flight administration for handing him over to the Interpol office upon arrival at the final destination , according to the Control Delivery procedure administered by the Customs Department . The Airport Security Department shall submit seizure report with copies of passenger passport, flight boarding card and photographs of the seized items , to CITES Management Authority for preparation of detailed report to CITES Secretariat and CITES Management Authority in the country of final destination .

- 3- Cargo shipment of wildlife specimens coming to Qatar without CITES document , shall be seized by the Customs department and submit seizure report with the seized consignment to the Airport Security Department to take it to the Capital Security Department for legal proceedings . CITES Management Authority shall be provided with copy of the seizure report and photographs of the seized specimens for preparation of report to CITES Secretariat .
- 4- Transit shipment which offloaded and loaded in another plane , shall be subject to the Control Delivery procedures by the Customs Department , and report shall be submitted with copies of X- ray pictures to CITES Management Authority for notifying CITES management authority in the final destination and CITES Secretariat .

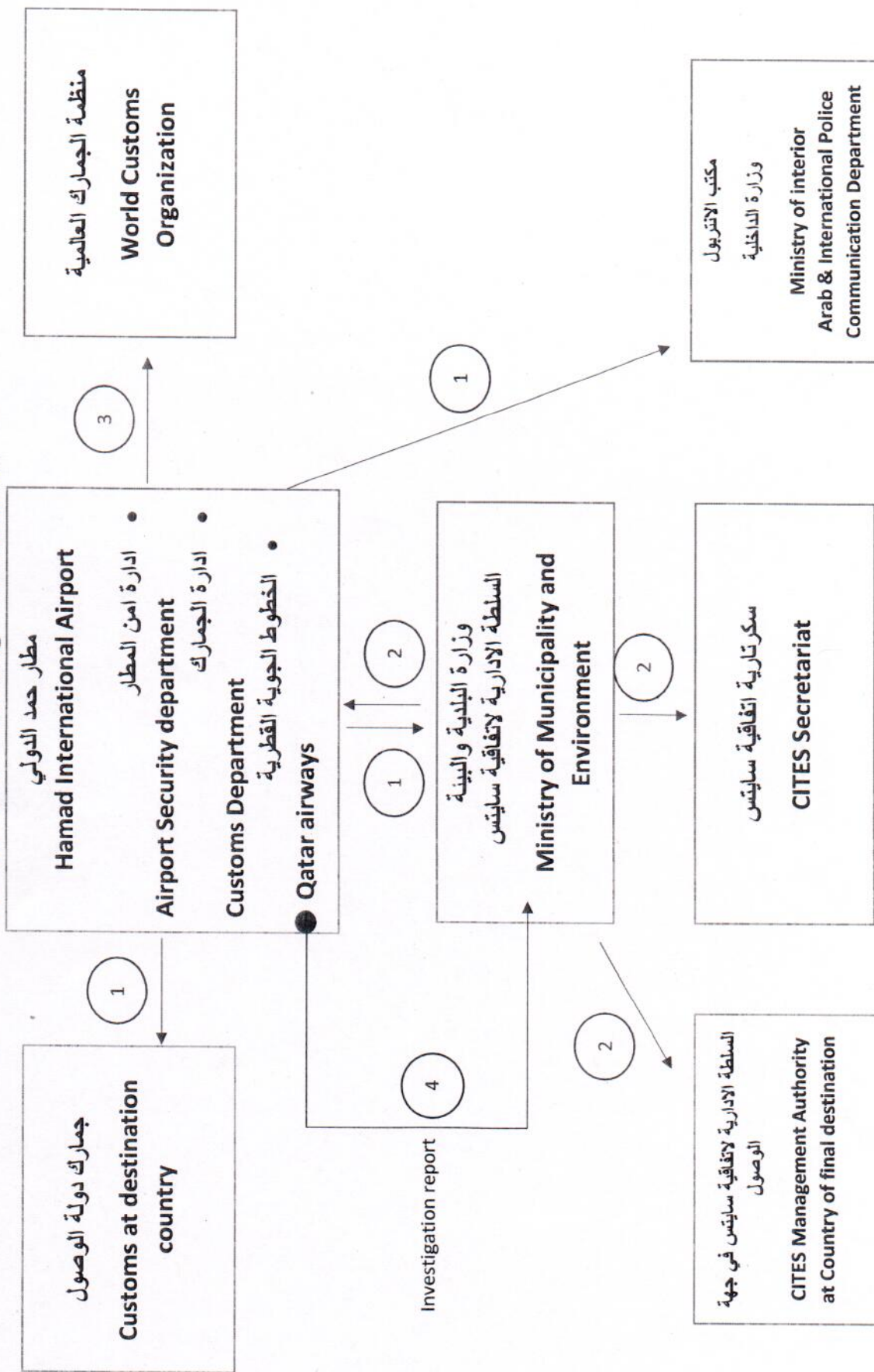
Also, has proposed framework for sharing of information , for smooth and speedy transmission of information on occurrence of cases involving illegal transport of wildlife on flights at Hamad International Airport. See attached information sharing flow chart. And since our meeting and until now ,and with coordination and collaboration of Qatar Airways , there is no occurrence of illegal transport of wildlife products through Qatar , and we will continue further meetings for strengthening our control over all wildlife shipments .

So, the State of Qatar request the Standing Committee to remind the countries of origin of the shipments which arrive without CITES documents , of their commitment to stop all illegal shipments through their exit points.

And according to the efforts Qatar has taken and the results of the actions during the last quarter , Qatar request not to be included in NIAP process . Or, defer the decision of inclusion of Qatar in the NIAP process until the coming 70th meeting of the Standing Committee, to evaluate actions taken by Qatar through collaboration of all concerned authorities in Qatar.

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Information exchange framework



Actions undertaken by QR AND HIA to combat illegal wildlife transportation

Prevent

Restricting carriage of all cargo originating from high risk stations

Raising awareness of cargo acceptance staff on illegal wildlife

Raising awareness of staff at high risk outstations in Africa through face to face talks

Detect

Enhancements to cargo management systems to record type and purpose of transportation of endangered animals

Mandatory requirement for all endangered animal transportation to be authorised by Qatar Airways Cargo special loads team in Doha before acceptance

Awareness session for staff with face to face talks

Qatar Airways is a signatory to the United for Wildlife Declaration

Report

Reporting animal related incidents through a purpose built incident reporting form

E-learning programme for all relevant staff whose role has the potential to come in contact with illegal wildlife transportation

Passenger awareness at HIA and at high risk outstations in Africa through posters and videos

Qatar Airways signed Memorandum of Understanding with ROUTES (Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transportation of Endangered Species)

Review

Transportation of Wildlife and Animal Welfare Steering Group established and chaired by Chief Officer Cargo to monitor performance and improvement projects

Share information relating to wildlife with industry peers