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

Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Buenos Aires (Argentina), 22 April to 3 May 1985

Matters related to the Standing Committee

REVISION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The draft resolution annexed hereto is submitted by the Republic of Costa Rica as representative of the South and Central American and Caribbean region to the Standing Committee. This draft, which is supported by the Republic of Argentina, aims for the separate representation, within the Standing Committee, of South America and of Central America and the Caribbean.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Separate Representation in the Standing Committee of the South American Region and the Central American and Caribbean Region

CONSIDERING that Party states of South America represent a great diversity of natural systems, which in themselves have considerable quantitative and qualitative richness in wild fauna and flora resources;

RECOGNIZING that this region constitutes a unit substantially different from the rest of the Americas, the countries of which have a common denominator with respect to environmental and management problems relating to renewable natural resources;

RECOGNIZING further that the Party states of South America constitute a unit with regard to their communication systems which provide a special relationship contributing to effective implementation of the Convention between the member states of this region;

NOTING Resolution 2 of the Seminar on CITES Implementation for South and Central America and the Caribbean (Washington, 1-12 August 1983);

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

DECIDES

- a) to define as South America the region constituted by the following states: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela,
- b) to elect to the Standing Committee a representative for South America and a representative for Central America and the Caribbean; and
- c) that the participation of these two representatives will not affect the CITES budget adopted for the period 1984-1985.