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OPPOSING FOR SUBGENUS HOLOTHURIA (MICROTHELE): HOLOTHURIA FUSCOGILVA, HOLOTHURIA NOBILIS AND HOLOTHURIA WHITMAEI AT CITES COP18

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Dear Secretary-General,

SUBJECT: OPPOSING FOR SUBGENUS HOLOTHURIA (MICROTHELE): HOLOTHURIA FUSCOGILVA, HOLOTHURIA NOBILIS AMD HOLOTHURIA WHITMAEI AT CITES COP18

With reference to the proposal submitted by the Government of France to propose listing of subgenus *Holothuria (Microthele): Holothuria fuscogilva, Holothuria nobilis* and *Holothuria whitmaei* on CITES Appendix II at CoP18 in accordance with Article II paragraph 2(a) of the Convention satisfying criteria adopted in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev.Cop17) Annex 2a, Criterion A and B, and satisfying Annex 2b, Criterion A, **Papua New Guinea** would like to confirm that we oppose this proposal.

We therefore kindly request you to formally record the Government of **Papua New Guinea** as opposed to the above-mentioned proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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