## Interpretation of Article XIV, paragraph 1, of the Convention

AWARE that international cooperation is fundamental to achieving the objectives of the Convention;

RECOGNIZING the concern of some Parties that stricter domestic measures taken pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 1, of the Convention may have an adverse impact on the conservation status of the species concerned in their countries of origin;

BELIEVING that any difficulties that arise with respect to the adoption of stricter domestic measures can be resolved by mutual consultation and cooperation;

## THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

## 1. RECOMMENDS that:

- a) each Party intending to take stricter domestic measures pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 1, of the Convention regarding trade in specimens of non-indigenous species included in the Appendices make every reasonable effort to notify the range States of the species concerned at as early a stage as possible prior to the adoption of such measures, and consult with those range States that express a wish to confer on the matter; and
- each Party that has taken such stricter domestic measures for non-indigenous species prior to the adoption of this Resolution consult, if requested, on the appropriateness of such measures with range States of the species concerned.