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Cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions

RECOGNIZING the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2012*, developed and adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its 10th meeting in Nagoya, Japan;

STRESSING that effective implementation of CITES is needed to implement the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2012* and to achieve the Aichi targets;

UNDERLINING the commitment of the Convention to demonstrate how the effective implementation of CITES contributes to the implementation of the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020* and the relevant Aichi targets;

RECOGNIZING the already existing significant cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions;

COMMENDING the ongoing and important cooperation among the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions, such as through the Biodiversity Liaison Group and the Environmental Management Group, and in particular through its Issue Management Group on Biodiversity;

RECALLING Resolution Conf. 10.4 (Rev. CoP14) on *Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on Biological Diversity* and Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)*, as well as Decision 15.19 and the *CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2013*;

WELCOMING the decisions taken by the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals on cooperation, coordination and synergies with CITES and other biodiversity-related conventions;

RECOGNIZING the outcome of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, *The Future We Want*, that recognizes the significant contributions to sustainable development made by the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and encouraging the Parties to MEAs to consider further measures to promote policy coherence at all relevant levels, improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary overlap and duplication, and enhance cooperation and coordination amongst MEAs;

CONVINCED of the significant potential of increasing cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions to enhance coherent national level implementation of each of the conventions;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

ENCOURAGES Parties to consider further opportunities to strengthen the cooperation, coordination and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at all relevant levels; and

RECOMMENDS that Parties further strengthen the cooperation, coordination and synergies among the focal points of the biodiversity-related conventions and other partners at the national level to enhance coherent national-level implementation of the Convention.