

## DECISIONS OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

### Decision II/1

#### Cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme

##### The Governing Council,

**Noting** with appreciation the report of the Executive Director on the activities carried out by UNEP as an interim secretariat to the Lusaka Agreement;

**Noting further** the progress made in the negotiations for the Headquarters Agreement between the UNEP Executive Director, on behalf of the Parties, and the Republic of Kenya;

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Kenya for the offer of free office accommodation for the Task Force at KWS in order to start without delay;
2. Urges the Executive Director and the Government of Kenya to expedite the conclusion of the Headquarters Agreement.

### Decision II/2

#### Institutional Arrangements

##### The Governing Council,

**Having received** brief reports from the Parties on the implementation of the Agreement at national level;

**Noting with appreciation that** the David Shepherd Conservation Foundation, as announced by Zambia, has offered a donation to facilitate training of a contingent of Field Officers from the Task Force, and national law enforcement officers;

1. Requests the interim secretariat, in consultation with Kenya Wildlife Service, to make arrangements for the training of field officers with the help of the David Shepherd Conservation Foundation.
2. Further requests the Experts Group to provide proposals for the minimum requirements for an ideal national bureau, which the Interim Secretariat should share with the Parties.
3. Urges the Parties that have not designated national bureaus to do so, and those that have done so and not informed the Depositary to do so as soon as possible.
4. Urges also those Parties that have not nominated field officers to do so by 30<sup>th</sup> April 1999.
5. Calls upon its Bureau to make necessary appointments of field officers, director and other officials as resources become available.

### Decision II/3

#### Budget for the Task Force and contributions from Parties

##### The Governing Council,

**Noting** with appreciation the part payment made by Tanzania as its first year's contribution to the Task Force;

**Further noting** that Zambia and Lesotho have made arrangements to pay their contributions to the budget and that a commitment has been made by the Republic of Congo, Kenya and Uganda that their contributions will be made during the next financial year (1999/2000);

1. Urges the other Parties to speed up payments of their contributions;
2. Approves the overall recommendations of the Consultative Meeting held in October 1998 and, in particular, the budget proposals as amended by the Experts Group which gave a new assessment contribution per Party of US\$ 154,910.

#### **Decision II/4**

##### **Capacity Building**

##### **The Governing Council,**

**Having received with appreciation** the progress report from the Kenyan expert on the assessment to evaluate law enforcement capacities and the needs of the Parties to the Lusaka Agreement;

**Requests** the Kenya expert to finalize the assessment report as soon as possible to be shared with the Parties for their comments.

#### **Decision II/5**

##### **The South African Development Community (SADC) Draft Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement**

##### **The Governing Council,**

**Having exchanged views** on the SADC Draft Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement;

**Requests** the Interim Secretariat to keep the Governing Council informed of the development of the said Draft Protocol.

#### **Decision II/6**

##### **Customs Controls Procedures**

##### **The Governing Council,**

**Having exchanged** views on the concern expressed by the CITES Secretariat in document SC.41.14.1 over the reduction in routine customs inspections worldwide and its implications for the enforcement of CITES controls and the Lusaka Agreement;

**Notes** that the adverse impacts of reduced inspections will fall on wildlife producer rather than wildlife consumer States;

1. **Requests** the Interim Secretariat to monitor developments in CITES on that issue.
2. **Recommends** that the concerns of the Governing Council on this issue be conveyed to the World Customs Organization.
3. **Decides** to invite the WCO as an observer to future meetings of the Governing Council.

**Decision II/7**

**Cooperation with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**

**The Governing Council,**

**Noting** the Resolution Conf. 9.8 (Rev.) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which states, in part “...directs the Secretariat to utilize such funds towards the following priorities..... (b) Assistance in the development and implementation of regional law enforcement agreements”;

**Further noting** that the Lusaka Agreement is the only regional wildlife law enforcement instrument presently existing;

**Requests** the interim secretariat to draw the attention of the Secretary General of that Convention to the aforementioned Resolution.