**Briefing on the 66th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

National reports

submission of national reports

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*“7. The deadline for annual reports is 31 October each year for trade in the previous calendar year (e.g. 31 October 2014 for the 2013 CITES annual report). Pursuant to Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16), the Secretariat would like to inform the Standing Committee that its records show that the following Parties have failed to submit annual reports for three consecutive years (or more) during the period 2011 - 2014 without having provided adequate justification: Bahamas, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, , Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, , Grenada, Guinea, Jordan, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Vanuatu, and Yemen.*

*8. The Secretariat will send reminders to the Parties mentioned in paragraph 7 above to bring this potential compliance matter to their attention and obtain the missing reports. In this regard, it would appreciate relevant assistance from the Standing Committee's regional representatives concerned.*

*9. In addition, the Secretariat’s table of annual report submissions shows that the following Parties have not yet submitted their annual reports for the past two years (2013 and 2014):[[1]](#footnote-1) Albania, Armenia, Belize, Benin, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Brunei Darussalam, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malawi, Mauritius, Monaco, Nigeria, Oman, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda and Ukraine. If the above-mentioned Parties fail to submit their 2015 CITES annual report, due on 31 October 2016, they could be subject to a Standing Committee recommendation to suspend trade in the future. The Standing Committee may therefore wish to urge the submission of these missing reports. “*

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1. Available at <http://www.cites.org/sites/default/files/common/resources/annual_reports.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)