

CONSCIOUS of the highly endangered status of all rhinoceros species;

IN VIEW of the findings of the IUCN/WWF studies of the international trade in rhino products;

CONSIDERING the particularly rapid decline in numbers of rhinoceros to a critically low level in many areas primarily because of demand for its horn;

RECOGNIZING that illegal trading activities in rhinoceros horns are substantial and that urgent measures are needed to save rhinoceros species from extinction despite their listing on Appendix I of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS

- a) that the Secretariat make representations, in the ways it considers most appropriate, on behalf of the Parties to the Governments of all non-Parties, where records show they have imported or exported rhinoceros products within the past five years, to request that they take measures with a view to preventing rhinoceros products from being commercially imported or exported; and
- b) that the Secretariat make representations to both Party and non-Party Governments and request them to halt all trade by placing a moratorium on the sale of all government and parastatal stocks of rhino products, and that in the case of Parties these stocks be recorded in the annual reports to the Convention.