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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

NOTING the rapid growth in cases of smuggling of endangered species of wild fauna and flora,

MINDFUL of the serious harm that countries suffer as a result of these offences, in environmental and economic terms,

CONVINCED that action against this illicit traffic can be made more effective by close co-operation between the competent authorities in the different countries,

CONVINCED ALSO that such action can also be improved through closer co-operation between the international organizations involved in the regulation of the trade in endangered wildlife,

HAVING REGARD to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora (CITES, Washington, 3 March 1973),

HAVING REGARD to the following enforcement instruments adopted by the Council :

- The international Convention on mutual administrative assistance for the prevention, investigation and repression of Customs offences (Nairobi Convention, 9 June 1977),
- Recommendations concerning :
 - ④ mutual administrative assistance (5 December 1953),
 - ④ pooling of information concerning Customs fraud (8 June 1967, 22 May 1975),

INVITES Members and Customs or Economic Unions to develop as far as possible maximum co-operation between their Customs administrations in preventing and detecting this illicit traffic and, to that end, to ensure maximum co-operation between the Customs administrations and the national and international authorities responsible for the control of the movement of endangered species of wild fauna and flora,

ENCOURAGES Members and Customs or Economic Unions to ensure that Customs administrations develop or increase training programmes for Customs officers on this subject,

EMPHASIZES the importance of co-operation with CITES Secretariat and with the national management authorities.

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