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Excellency,

I write in response to your letter of 31 October 2016 to H.E. Ms Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Chair of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Please find herewith, as a contribution to the 2017 HLPF, a submission by CITES, highlighting the Convention's contribution towards the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and in particular its role in eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Canada, Chair of the CITES
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Cc H.E. Ms Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Chair of the 17th meeting of the Parties to CITES
John E. Scanlon, CITES Secretary-General