

**INTERVENTION 17.7 (REV. COP19)  
LONG-TAILED MACAQUE (*MACACA FASCICULARIS*)**

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH, OR “NABR,” DISAGREES WITH THE PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND TRADE.

NABR REPRESENTS HUNDREDS OF ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH COMPANIES, PATIENT GROUPS, AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS THAT RELY ON THE HUMANE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF ANIMALS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.

I WILL BRIEFLY ELABORATE ON 3 AREAS OF CONCERN.

FIRST, NABR WAS MADE AWARE OF THIS PROPOSAL ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE THIS MEETING AND, LIKE MANY OTHERS, HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES OR THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA CONCERNING THIS MATTER. IN OUR OPINION, ALL PARTIES AND OBSERVERS SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL DATA OF CONCERN BEFORE SUPPORTING A TRADE SUSPENSION.

SECONDLY, I WOULD NOTE THAT THE U.S. HAS NOW REQUESTED TO DEFER A TRADE SUSPENSION AFTER HAVING PREVIOUSLY SENT INFORMATION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE LEADING TO A PROPOSED SUSPENSION. THIS DICHOTOMY STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT THE DATA NEEDS TO BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD.

NABR SUPPORTS LEGAL TRADE WITH CAMBODIA AND, TO THAT END, HAS WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP GENETICS TESTING PROTOCOLS THAT DEMONSTRATE LEGALITY. THESE PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN WRITING BY THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE’S LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. FURTHER, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GENETICS TESTING FACILITIES ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY IN CAMBODIA.

FINALLY, WE NOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SPECIES IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH GLOBALLY, WHETHER FOR CHILDHOOD VACCINES, YOUR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, OR CANCER RESEARCH, AND WE URGE THIS COMMITTEE TO ACT WITH CAUTION REGARDING POTENTIAL SUSPENSIONS OF TRADE WITH ANY COUNTRY.

MADAM CHAIR, NABR OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED SUSPENSION AND REQUESTS THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL BE DELAYED UNTIL ALL PARTIES ARE ABLE TO FULLY REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THE INTEREST OF FULL TRANSPARENCY.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.