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PROPOSAL: CITES CoP18 – **Prop. 13 App. II**
Woolly mammoth (*Mammuthus primigenius*)

PROPONENT: Israel

SUBJECT: Inclusion in Appendix II

IWMC RECOMMENDS – REJECTION of PROP. 13

The mammoth was identified as an extinct species of elephant by Georges Cuvier in 1796. The woolly mammoth coexisted with early humans, who used its bones and tusks for making art, tools, and dwellings, and the species was also hunted for food. After its extinction, humans continued using its ivory as a raw material, a tradition that continues today. As a result of climate change, mammoth fossils have been discovered on every continent, except Australia, South America and Antarctica.

IWMC strongly recommends to the CITES Parties to reject the proposal by Israël to include the Woolly mammoth in Appendix II.

As a matter of principle, extinct species are not listed in the CITES Appendices and a precedent should not be created in adopting this proposal.