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1. The Working Party focused its examination on the proposal by Monaco to include three marine species (European eel, bluefin tuna and swordfish) in Annex III of the Bern Convention.
2. The debate at the Working Party revealed that it was not possible to achieve sufficient support for the inclusion of these three species.
3. Accordingly, the Chairman of the Working Party concluded that the mandate given to the Commission for the 18th meeting of the Bern Convention's Standing Committee (30 November - 4 December 1998) was to oppose the inclusion of the said species in Annex III of the Bern Convention.