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Notification
to the Signatory and Acceding States
to the Convention on International Trade
in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES),
concluded in Washington on 3 March 1973

I. Declaration by the People's Republic of China

With letter dated 6 December 1999, the People's Republic of China declared that the Convention will apply, with effect from 20 December 1999, to the Macao Special Administrative Region.

II. Acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of the Congo

On 16 December 1999, the Republic of Ghana deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of acceptance of the amendment of article XXI of the CITES, adopted at Gaborone on 30 April 1983.

On 7 February 2000, the Republic of the Congo deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of acceptance of the amendment of article XXI of the CITES, adopted at Gaborone on 30 April 1983.

The amendment of Gaborone has not entered into force yet.

III. Accession by Ukraine

On 30 December 1999, Ukraine deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the CITES. According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for Ukraine 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 29 March 2000.

IV. Accession and acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the Republic of Iceland

On 3 January 2000, the Republic of Iceland deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the CITES. According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for the Republic of Iceland 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 2 April 2000.

On depositing its instrument of accession, the Republic of Iceland made the following reservations and declaration (official translation of the original Icelandic version):

- *"In accordance with Article XXIII, paragraph 2, subparagraph a, of the Convention, Iceland makes reservations with regard to the following species included in Appendices I and II:*

*Balaenoptera musculus in Appendix I
Balaenoptera physalus in Appendix I
Balaenoptera borealis in Appendix I
Megaptera novaengliae in Appendix I
Physeter macrocephalus in Appendix I
Hyperoodon ampullatus in Appendix I
Balaenoptera acutorostrata, Population of West Greenland in Appendix II, other populations in Appendix I
Globicephala melas in Appendix II
Orcinus orca in Appendix II
Lagenorhynchus albirostris in Appendix II
Lagenorhynchus acutus in Appendix II
Phocoena phocoena in Appendix II
Delphinus delphis in Appendix II
Tursiops truncatus in Appendix II"*

- *"Upon acceding to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Iceland makes the following declaration:*

In the view of Iceland the inclusion of some species in the appendices of the Convention is inconsistent with Article II of the Convention and the biological criteria agreed on within CITES for such inclusion. A number of the cetaceans which are included in the appendices are a good example of this.

It was decided that, upon acceding to the Convention, Iceland would only enter reservations with regard to the species that occur within its national jurisdiction which are, in the view of Iceland, inappropriately included in the appendices. This should, however, not be interpreted as Iceland's acceptance of the appropriateness of all other inclusions in the appendices.

If new scientific evidence will show that species regarding which Iceland has made reservations are in fact appropriately included in the appendices, Iceland will reassess the relevant reservations.

Iceland considers it to be important in order for CITES to fulfil its purpose that a review of all present inclusions in the appendices will be carried out in an effective and transparent manner and completed as soon as possible. The review should be objective and ensure that all inclusions in the appendices are consistent with Article II of the Convention and the biological criteria agreed on within CITES."

The Republic of Iceland has also accepted the amendment of article XXI of the Convention, adopted at Gaborone on 30 April 1983.

This amendment has not entered into force yet.

V. Accession by the Republic of Kazakhstan

On 20 January 2000, the Republic of Kazakhstan deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the CITES. According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for the Republic of Kazakhstan 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 19 April 2000.

VI. Accession and acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the Republic of Slovenia

On 24 January 2000, the Republic of Slovenia deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the CITES. According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for the Republic of Slovenia 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 23 April 2000.

The Republic of Slovenia has also accepted the amendment of article XXI of the Convention, adopted at Gaborone on 30 April 1983.

This amendment has not entered into force yet.

The present notification is addressed to the Governments of the Signatory and Acceding States in conformity with article XXV, paragraph 2, of the CITES.

Berne, 3 March 2000

