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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

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***I. Accession to the CITES and acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the Independent State of Samoa***

On 9 November 2004, the Independent State of Samoa deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the CITES.

According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended at Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for the Independent State of Samoa 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 7 February 2005.

On 9 November 2004 too, the Independent State of Samoa 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.

This amendment has not entered into force yet.

***II. Withdrawal of reservation by Chile***

On 1 December 2004, Chile informed the Swiss Government that it withdrew the reservation it formulated on 1 September 1987 with reference to the transfer from Annex II to Annex I of the population of the species *Fitzroya cupressoides* from the Littoral Cordillera of Chile.

***III. Acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the United Republic of Tanzania***

On 9 December 2004, the United Republic of Tanzania 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.

This amendment has not entered into force yet.

**IV. Reservations by the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, the State of Kuwait, Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

The following States entered reservations with reference to the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention adopted at the thirteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (Bangkok, 2-14 October 2004) and entered into force on 12 January 2005.

- With note received on 9 December 2004, the United Arab Emirates enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Aquilaria* spp. and of *Gyrinops* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 17 December 2004, Japan enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Orcaella brevirostris* in Appendix I and of *Carcharodon carcharias* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 23 December 2004, Switzerland enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Hoodia* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 7 January 2005, the Syrian Arab Republic enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 8 January 2005, the State of Kuwait enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 12 January 2005, Iceland enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Carcharodon carcharias* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 12 January 2005, the Kingdom of Norway enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Carcharodon carcharias* in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With note received on 13 January 2005 (after expiration of the period of 90 days stipulated in Article XV, paragraph 3), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention. In keeping with the practice followed in similar cases by depositaries and taking into account the circumstances, the Department proposes to the States Parties that it will receive the reservation in question for deposit in the absence of any objection received on the part of any of the States Parties - either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged - within a period of 90 days from the date of the present note, i.e. until 2 May 2005. In the absence of any such objection, the said reservations will be accepted for deposit upon the expiration of this period.

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, 1 February 2005

