



FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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**Notification  
to the Signatory or Contracting States  
to the Convention on International Trade  
in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora  
concluded at Washington on 3 March 1973**

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1. Ratification of the Convention by Poland

The Polish People's Republic has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 12 December 1989, an instrument of ratification of the Convention, which shall enter into force on 12 March 1990, according to article XXII, paragraph 2.

2. Accession by Burkina Faso to the Convention

Burkina Faso has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 13 October 1989, an instrument of accession to the Convention, which has entered into force on 11 January 1990, according to article XXII, paragraph 2.

3. Withdrawal of reservations

- By letter dated 21 November 1989, registered on the same day, Japan has withdrawn, with effect on 30 November 1989, the specific reservation made with regard to *Crocodylus porosus* at the time of the deposit of its instrument of acceptance of the Convention.
- By note dated 21 December 1989, registered on 22 December 1989, the Kingdom of Denmark has withdrawn, with effect on 18 January 1990, the reservation made against the proposition by the Republic of India of modification of the list in Appendix III.

#### 4. Reservations

The following States have entered reservations against the transfer of the African Elephant, *Loxodonta Africana*, from Appendix II to Appendix I:

- the Republic of Zimbabwe, by letter registered on 24 October 1989,
- the Republic of South Africa, by note dated 4 January 1990, registered on 5 January 1990,
- the Republic of Zambia, by document dated 3 January 1990, registered on 8 January 1990,
- the People's Republic of China, by note dated 11 January 1990, registered on 12 January 1990,
- the Republic of Malawi, by note dated 8 January 1990, registered on 12 January 1990,
- the Republic of Botswana, by document dated 15 November 1989, registered on 17 January 1990,
- the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by note dated 17 January 1990, registered on the same day; this reservation refers only to Hong Kong, for a period until 18 July 1990.

The present notification is addressed to the Governments of the Signatory or Contracting States in conformity with article XXV, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Berne, 8 February 1990

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