



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**

1. Accession of Guinea-Bissau to the Convention

The Republic of Guinea-Bissau deposited with the Swiss Government, on 16 May 1990, an instrument of accession to the Convention, which shall enter into force on 14 August 1990, according to article XXII, paragraph 2.

2. Accession of Brunei Darussalam to the Convention

Brunei Darussalam deposited with the Swiss Government, on 4 May 1990, an instrument of accession to the Convention, which shall enter into force on 2 August 1990, according to article XXII, paragraph 2.

3. Accession of Cuba to the Convention

The Republic of Cuba deposited with the Swiss Government, on 20 April 1990, an instrument of accession to the Convention, which shall enter into force on 19 July 1990, according to article XXII, paragraph 2.

The instrument includes the following declaration:

" La Adhesión de la República de Cuba a la Convención sobre el Comercio Internacional de Especies Amenazadas de Fauna y Flora Silvestres, adoptada en Washington, el día 3 de Marzo de 1973, no podrá interpretarse como el reconocimiento o aceptación por parte del Gobierno de la República de Cuba, del Gobierno racista de Sudáfrica, que no representa al pueblo sudafricano y que por su práctica sistemática de la política discriminatoria del apartheid, ha sido expulsado de Organismos Internacionales, recibido la condena de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas y la repulsa de todos los pueblos del mundo."

The instrument also includes the following reservation:

" El Gobierno de la República de Cuba, al adherirse a la Convención sobre el Comercio Internacional de Especies Amenazadas de Fauna y Flora Silvestres, adoptada en Washington, el día 3 de marzo de 1973, desea hacer, de conformidad con el Artículo 23, en relación con el Artículo 15, ambos de la Convención, reserva a las especies *Eretmochelys Imbricata* (CAREY) Y *Chelonia Mydas* (TORTUGA VERDE)."

4. Accession of the United Arab Emirates to the Convention

The United Arab Emirates deposited with the Swiss Government, on 8 February 1990, an instrument of accession to the Convention, which entered into force on 9 May 1990, according to article XXII, paragraph 2.

5. Acceptance of the Amendment to article XI of the Convention by the Soviet Union

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics deposited with the Swiss Government, on 5 June 1990, an instrument of acceptance of the Amendment to article XI of the Convention. This Amendment shall enter into force on 1 January 1991, according to the precisions included in the instrument.

6. Withdrawal of reservations

- By notification without date registered on 26 April 1990, the Republic of the Sudan withdrew the reservation made with regard to *Crocodylus niloticus* at the time of the ratification of the Convention.

- The following States withdrew the reservation made against the proposal by the Republic of India of modification of the list in Appendix III, excepted the species *Vulpes vulpes griffithi*, *Vulpes vulpes montana*, *Vulpes vulpes pusilla* and *Mustela erminea*, for which the reservation is still in force:
 - The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by note dated 30 May 1990, registered on 25 May 1990;
 - The Italian Republic, by notes dated 26 February and 30 April 1990, registered on 1 March and 2 May 1990;
 - The Federal Republic of Germany, by note dated 19 April 1990, registered on 23 April 1990;
 - The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, by note dated 17 April 1990, registered on 18 April 1990.

7. Reservation

By note dated 21 February 1990, registered on 22 February 1990, the French Republic entered a reservation against the species *Vulpes vulpes griffithi*, *Vulpes vulpes montana*, *Vulpes vulpes pusilla* and *Mustela erminea*, being part of the proposal made by the Republic of India of modification of the list in Appendix III.

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, 25 June 1990