



CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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AMENDMENT

In accordance with Article XVII of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, signed in Washington, D.C. on 3 March 1973, an extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties was convened in Gaborone (Botswana), on 30 April 1983.


The following Parties were represented: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Gambia, Federal Republic of Germany, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mozambique, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, St. Lucia, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America, Uruguay and Zambia.

By the requisite two-thirds majority of Parties present and voting, the meeting adopted an amendment to Article XXI of the Convention, which adds, after the words "Depositary Government.", the following 5 paragraphs:

- "1. This Convention shall be open for accession by regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States which have competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and implementation of international agreements in matters transferred to them by their Member States and covered by this Convention.
2. In their instruments of accession, such organizations shall declare the extent of their competence with respect to the matters governed by the Convention. These organizations shall also inform the Depositary Government of any substantial modification in the extent of their competence. Notifications by regional economic integration organizations concerning their competence with respect to matters governed by this Convention and modifications thereto shall be distributed to the Parties by the Depositary Government.
3. In matters within their competence, such regional economic integration organizations shall exercise the rights and fulfill the obligations which this Convention attributes to their Member States, which are Parties to the Convention. In such cases the Member States of the organizations shall not be entitled to exercise such rights individually.
4. In the fields of their competence, regional economic integration organizations shall exercise their right to vote with a number of votes equal to the number of their Member States which are Parties to the Convention. Such organizations shall not exercise their right to vote if their Member States exercise theirs, and vice versa.

5. Any reference to "Party" in the sense used in Article 1(h) of this Convention to "State"/"States" or to "State Party"/"States Parties" to the Convention shall be construed as including a reference to any regional economic integration organization having competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international agreements in matters covered by this Convention."

Gland, 17 May 1983

  
Eugène Lapointe  
Secretary General

