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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. Accession by the Syrian Arab Republic

On 30 April 2003, the Syrian Arab Republic deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the CITES and declared the following (unofficial translation of the original arab version):

"The accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to this Convention shall in no way signify recognition of Israel or entail entry into any dealings with Israel in the context of the provisions of the Convention."

According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, has entered into force for the Syrian Arab Republic 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 29 July 2003.

II. Accession by the Republic of Albania

On 27 June 2003, the Republic of Albania 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 Albania 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 25 September 2003.

III. Acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the Arab Republic of Egypt

On 17 July 2003, the Arab Republic of Egypt 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.

IV. Acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the Republic of Korea

On 21 July 2003, the Republic of Korea 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.

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

Bern, 9 September 2003