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Notification  
to the Signatory States of the Convention on Jurisdiction  
and the Enforcement of Judgements in Civil and Commercial Matters,  
concluded at Lugano on 16 September 1988

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***Communication by the Czech Republic***

On 21 December 2000, the Swiss Embassy in Prague received the following note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (translation transmitted by the Czech Foreign Ministry):

*"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Swiss Confederation in Prague and has the honour to request assistance in the following matter:*

*On May 10, 2000, the Parliament of the Czech Republic approved the accession of the Czech Republic to the Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, done at Lugano on September 16, 1998. The Czech Republic is therefore prepared to deposit its instrument of accession with the Swiss Confederation as the Depositary.*

*Under Article 62, para. 1(b) of the Convention, the depositary State shall invite the State concerned to accede only after it has obtained the unanimous agreement of the Contracting States. In the reading of this Article, only seven Contracting States have agreed with the accession of the Czech Republic to the Convention: the Austrian Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Republic of Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Swiss Confederation.*

*With regard to its growing need of international cooperation, the Czech Republic expresses its great interest in an early accession to the Convention since its scope includes legal fields that the Czech Republic has not covered at bilateral levels in respect of many states.*

*The accession to the Convention is of increasing importance for the Czech Republic for reasons of migration of Czech nationals to the Contracting States of the Convention and the growth of commercial ties between Czech business entities and business entities in the Contracting States of the Convention.*

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs therefore requests the Swiss Confederation as the Depositary of the Convention for assistance in obtaining agreement of the other Contracting States with the accession of the Czech Republic to the said Convention.*

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Swiss Confederation the assurances of its highest consideration.*

*Prague, December 19, 2000"*

The present notification is made by the Swiss Federal Council in its capacity as depositary of the Convention.

Bern, 18 January 2001