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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

Invitation to the Czech Republic to accede to the Convention

By a note dated 18 November 1997, the Government of the Republic of Austria addressed a request to the Swiss Federal Council tending to invite the Czech Republic to accede to the Convention, pursuant to its Article 62, paragraph 1 (b). This invitation was supported by the Republic of Finland on 18 November 1997 and by the Federal Republic of Germany on 2 December 1997.

By a note dated 3 December 1997, the Czech Republic let the depositary have the contents of the communications it intends to make in accordance with Article 63 of the Convention.

Referring to Article 62 of the Convention, the Swiss Federal Council transmits a copy of the latter note to the Signatory States of the Convention and asks them to inform it, if possible by 10 August 1998, if they accept that the Czech Republic be invited to deposit its instrument of accession.

The depositary shall formally invite the Czech Republic to accede to the Convention only if it has obtained the unanimous agreement of the Signatory States.

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

Enclosures:- Note of 3 December 1997 and Annex

- Information on Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters of September 1997

Berne, 10 February 1998