I. **Accession by the Republic of Moldova**

On 29 March 2001, the Republic of Moldova deposited with the Swiss Government its 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 Moldova 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 27 June 2001.

II. **Reservation entered by the Kingdom of Sweden**

On 9 April 2001, the Kingdom of Sweden entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the listing of *Mustela altaica*, *Mustela kathiah* and *Mustela sibirica* in Appendix III of the Convention.

III. **Withdrawal of a reservation by Switzerland and Liechtenstein**

On 5 April 2001, Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein have withdrawn their reservation, entered on 3 September 1987 pursuant to article XV, paragraph 3 of the CITES, with respect to the listing of *Vipera ursinii* in Appendix I of the Convention.

IV. **Reservation entered and withdrawal of a reservation by the Federal Republic of Germany**

On 12 April 2001, the Federal Republic of Germany entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the listing of *Mustela altaica* and *Mustela kathiah* in Appendix III of the Convention.

At the same time, the Federal Republic of Germany has withdrawn its reservation, entered on 16 August 2000 pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the CITES, with respect to the listing of *Arctitis binturong* and *Civettictis civetta* in Appendix III of the Convention.
V. **Accession by the State of Qatar**

On 8 May 2001, the State of Qatar deposited with the Swiss Government its 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 State of Qatar 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 6 August 2001.

VI. **Acceptance of the amendment of Bonn by the Argentine Republic**

On 17 May 2001, the Argentine Republic deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of acceptance of the amendment of article XI of the CITES, adopted at Bonn on 22 June 1979.

According to article XVII, paragraph 3 of the Convention, the amendment of Bonn will enter into force for the Argentine Republic 60 days after the deposit of the instrument of acceptance, i.e. on 16 July 2001.

VII. **Reservation entered by the Hellenic Republic**

On 25 May 2001, the Hellenic Republic entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the listing of the following species in Appendix III of the Convention:

- Mustela altaica
- Mustela erminea fergananae
- Mustela kathiah
- Mustela sibirica
- Vulpes vulpes griffithi
- Vulpes vulpes montana
- Vulpes vulpes pusilla

VIII. **Reservation entered by the Kingdom of Norway**

On 11 June 2001, the Kingdom of Norway entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the listing of *Cetorhinus maximus* in Appendix III of the Convention.

IX. **Reservation entered by the Kingdom of Spain**

On 12 June 2001, the Kingdom of Spain entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the listing of *Mustela altaica, Mustela kathiah* and *Mustela sibirica* in Appendix III of the Convention.

X. **Reservation entered by the Italian Republic**

On 13 June 2001, the Italian Republic entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2 of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the listing of *Mustela altaica, Mustela kathiah* and *Mustela sibirica* in Appendix III of the Convention.

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

Bern, 20 June 2001