I. Accession by the Republic of Lithuania

On 10 December 2001, the Republic of Lithuania 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 Lithuania 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 9 March 2002.

II. Ratification of the Convention and acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by Ireland

On 8 January 2002, Ireland deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of ratification of the CITES and an instrument of acceptance of the amendment of article XXI of the CITES, adopted at Gaborone on 30 April 1983.

According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for Ireland 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, i.e. on 8 April 2002.

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.

Berne, 12 February 2002