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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. Declaration made by the State of Israel

On 10 November 2003, the State of Israel deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration with reference to the accession by the Syrian Arab Republic to CITES (notification CITES 3/03 of 9 September 2003) (original English version):

"The Government of the State of Israel has noted that the instrument of ratification of the Syrian Arab Republic to the abovementioned Convention contains declarations with respect to the State of Israel.

The Government of the State of Israel is of the view that such declarations, which are explicitly of a political nature, are incompatible with the purposes and objectives of this Convention.

The Government of the State of Israel therefore objects to the aforesaid declarations made by the Syrian Arab Republic to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, 1973."

II. Reservation made by the Republic of Austria

On 2 February 2004, the Republic of Austria entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2, of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the following listing in Appendix III of the Convention:

- *Mustela altaica*
- *Mustela erminea ferghanae*
- *Mustela kathiah*
- *Mustela sibirica*
- *Vulpes vulpes griffithi*
- *Vulpes vulpes montana*
- *Vulpes vulpes pusilla*

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, 6 February 2004

