

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Notification  
to the Members and Signatory States of the  
CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED  
SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA  
signed at Washington on 3 March 1973

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I

RATIFICATION BY PORTUGAL AND THE ARGENTINE  
REPUBLIC

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Based on Article XX of the Convention, the States named hereafter have deposited with the Swiss Government their instruments of ratification to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora :

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| Portugal           | on 11 December 1980 |
| Argentine Republic | on 8 January 1981   |

The instrument of ratification of the Argentine Republic includes the following declaration :

"Las Islas Malvinas integran el territorio de la República Argentina y dependen administrativamente del Territorio Nacional de la Tierra del Fuego, Antártida e Islas del Atlántico Sur. La ocupación que detenta el Reino Unido, en virtud de un acto de fuerza jamás aceptado por la República Argentina, llevó a la Organización de las Naciones Unidas a que mediante las Resoluciones número 2065 y 3160 invitase a ambas Partes a encontrar una solución pacífica acerca de la disputa de soberanía sobre dichas Islas, negociaciones que se hallan en curso".

In conformity with its Article XXII, Paragraph 2, the Convention will come into force for Portugal on 11 March 1981 and for the Argentine Republic on 8 April 1981.

II

ACCESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Based on Article XXI of the Convention, the People's Republic of China has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 8 January 1981, its instrument of accession to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. According to Article XXII, Paragraph 2 of the Convention, the accession of the People's Republic of China will take effect on 8 April 1981.

III

AMENDMENT OF 22 JUNE 1979 TO THE CONVENTION

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs informs the Signatory or Contracting States of the Convention that the following States, by depositing an instrument with the Swiss Government, have accepted the Amendment to Article XI, Paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (a), adopted at Bonn on 22 June 1979 :

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| Liechtenstein | on 21 April  | 1980 |
| Togo          | on 5 January | 1981 |

The Amendment shall enter into force for the Parties which shall have accepted it 60 days after two-thirds of the Parties shall have deposited an instrument of acceptance of the Amendment with the Depositary Government.

The present notification is addressed to the Governments of Signatory or Contracting States in conformity with Article XXV, Paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Berne, 13 February 1981

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