

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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ACCESSION OF THE RWANDESE REPUBLIC,  
OF SURINAME AND OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

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

Rwandese Republic	on 20 October 1980
Suriname	on 17 November 1980
Republic of Zambia	on 24 November 1980

According to Article XXII, Paragraph 2, of the Convention, the accession of the Rwandese Republic will take effect on 18 January 1981, that of Suriname on 15 February 1981 and that of the Republic of Zambia on 22 February 1981.

The instrument of accession of Suriname includes the following reservation :

"The Government of the Republic of Suriname declares hereby that the Republic of Suriname accedes to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, with a reservation to the effect that the provisions of this Convention will not apply to the Chelonia mydas (green turtle) and Dermochelys coriaca (leatherback turtle) mentioned in Appendix I of the Convention".

The instrument of accession of the Republic of Zambia includes the following reservations :

"In acceding to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora which was concluded at Washington, D.C. in the United States of America, on 3rd March, 1973, the Government of the Republic of Zambia considers that the crocodile species referred to in Appendix I of the Convention as Crocodylus Cataphratus and Crocodylus Niloticus are not threatened with extinction which is or might be affected by trade and that they should not be included in that appendix or any of the other two appendices of the Convention. Accordingly, any measures the Government may take with a view to promoting trade in specimens of the two species would be consistent with the general purposes of the Convention.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia considers further that species whose names appear hereunder should be included in the Convention under appendices respectively indicated :

APPENDIX I

Acinonyx, cheetah

APPENDIX II

Diceros bicornis,	black rhinoceros
Felis caracal,	caracal or red lynx
Felis serral,	serral
Kobus lechwe,	lechwe
Manis temmincki,	pangolin
Pantera pardus,	leopard
Varamus spp,	leguaans
Balearica regulorum,	crowned crane
Coconia nigra,	black stock
Falconidae spp,	falcon
Poicerphalus robustus,	brown necked parrot

Sarkidornis melanatos,	knob-billed duck
Geochelone spp,	leopard tortoise
Kinixys spp,	bells hinged tortoise
Python spp,	python".

The Department has not failed to bring the text of the reservations of the Republic of Zambia to the knowledge of the Secretariat of the Convention. The said Secretariat has addressed to the Swiss Government the following declaration :

"The reservations entered by the Government of the Republic of Zambia, at the time of its accession to the Convention, with regard to Crocodylus cataphractus and Crocodylus niloticus are in conformity with Article XXIII of the Convention.

The other reservations entered by the Government of the Republic of Zambia are not in conformity with the present contents and terminology of Appendices I and II of the Convention; in particular :

- 1) The species Acinonyx jubatus is presently listed on Appendix I; the species Felis serval, Kobus leche, Balearica regulorum, Ciconia nigra, Poicephalus robustus and Sarkidionis melanotos are presently listed on Appendix II; and all Zambian populations or species of Felis caracal, Varanus spp., Geochelone spp., Kinixys spp. and Python spp. are presently included in Appendix II as part of their respective species, genera of family listed on Appendix II and for this purpose, therefore, no reservation is required.
- 2) The species Manis temmincki, Panthera pardus and Diceros bicornis are presently listed on Appendix I of the Convention. Their listing on Appendix II as desired by the Government of the Republic of Zambia will therefore be considered as a reservation in accordance with Article XXIII of the Convention.
- 3) Among Falconidae spp. occurring in Zambia, only Falco peregrinus is presently listed on Appendix I. The listing on Appendix II as desired by the Government of the Republic of Zambia will therefore be considered as a reservation with regard to Falco peregrinus in accordance with Article XXIII of the Convention".

Therefore, the Department has communicated the foregoing to the Government of Zambia asking him to take position on the matter.

## II

### DECLARATION OF CANADA

By note of 8 July 1980, received on the 9 of the same month, the Canadian Embassy in Berne has notified the Federal Department of

Foreign Affairs of the following declaration of the Canadian Government :

"We wish to advise the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Government of Canada intends to withdraw its reservations on the listing of Cetacea spp. in Appendix II on the basis of the application of Article II, Paragraph 2 (b) of the Convention.

At the next meeting of the Parties, however, Canada will request that, for purposes of identification, an appropriate annotation be given to each of the species listed in Appendix II which is listed on the basis of Article II, Paragraph 2(b), i.e. the "look-alike" provision. It remains the Canadian view that no species should be placed on Appendix I or II without proper scientific and technical justification in relation to the Appendix definition in Article II of the Convention.

The Canadian authorities would be grateful if the Government of the Swiss Confederation, as the depository government under the Endangered Species Convention, could circulate this note to all signatories to the Convention".

Furthermore, by note of 29 October 1980, received on the 30 of the same month, the Canadian Embassy has given to the Department the following precisions :

"... The purpose of the note of 8 July 1980 was to advise the Secretariat and Parties to the Convention that the Canadian reservation with respect to the listing of Cetacea spp. in Appendix II on the basis of the application of Article II, Paragraph 2(b) of the Convention was, from that moment on, withdrawn. The Canadian Embassy regrets any misunderstandings that may have arisen because of the ambiguous wording of the previous note".

### 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 :

Federal Republic of Germany	on 7 May	1980
Mauritius	on 23 September	1980
United States of America	on 23 October	1980
Botswana	on 19 November	1980
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	on 28 November	1980

The instrument of acceptance of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland includes the following declaration :

"The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, having considered the Amendment aforesaid, hereby confirm and accept the same in respect of :

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Bailiwick of Jersey

The Bailiwick of Guernsey

The Isle of Man

Belize

Bermuda

British Indian Ocean Territories

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Falkland Islands and Dependencies

Gibraltar

Hong Kong

Montserrat

Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands

Saint Helena & Dependencies".

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, 15 December 1980