## FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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Notification

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

I

## RATIFICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA, THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA

In application of Article XXV, Paragraph 2, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, signed at Washington, D.C. on 3 March 1973, the Federal Political Department has the honour to inform the Signatory or Contracting Parties that the Governments of the States named hereafter have deposited with the Swiss Government their instruments of ratification of the aforementioned Convention:

India on 20 July 1976 Norway on 27 July 1976 Australia on 29 July 1976

In conformity with Article XXII, Paragraph 2, the Convention will come into force for India on 18 October 1976, for Norway on 25 October 1976, and for Australia on 27 October 1976.

II.

## . ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE

Based on Article XXI of the Convention the Republic of Zaire has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 20 July 1976, an instrument of accession to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

The accession of the Republic of Zaire will take effect on 18 October 1976 according to Article XXII, Paragraph 2, of the Convention.

III

## RATIFICATION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

On 2 August 1976 was deposited with the Swiss Government the instrument of ratification by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, concluded at Washington, D.C. on 3 March 1973.

By the terms of the aforementioned instrument this ratification is in respect of:

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Isle of Man, Belize, Bermuda, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Gilbert Islands, Hong Kong, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena and Dependencies (Tristan da Cunha, Ascension Islands), Tuvalu.

In accordance with the provisions of Article XXIII of the Convention the Government of the United Kingdom has entered a reservation in respect of Hong Kong with regard to all species of reptilia listed in Appendices I and II and to the species "Elephas maximus" in Appendix I.

In conformity with Article XXII, Paragraph 2, the Convention will come into force for the United Kingdom on 31 October 1976.

Berne, 9 August 1976.