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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

Reservations by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Japan, the Republic of India, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, Canada, the Republic of Guatemala, the State of Kuwait and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

The following States entered reservations with reference to the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention, adopted at the seventeenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (Johannesburg, 24 September – 4 October 2016) and entered into force on 2 January 2017.

- With note received on 21 November 2016, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia enters a reservation with reference to the transfer of *Psittacus erithacus* from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention.
- With letter received on 29 November 2016, the Republic of Indonesia enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Dalbergia* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention. The reservation is submitted «until 4 July 2017». The reservation will therefore be considered as withdrawn as from 5 July 2017.
- With note received on 9 December 2016, the Democratic Republic of Congo enters a reservation with reference to the transfer of *Psittacus erithacus* from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention.
- With letter received on 20 December 2016, Japan enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Carcharhinus falciformis* and *Alopias* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention. Japan formulated at the same time the following declaration (original English text):
«1. Japan makes [these reservations] primarily due to unintended by-catch of these species by purse seine fishing.
2. Nonetheless, Japan is continuously committed to conservation and management of the shark species on which it has made reservations through cooperation with other countries in regional fisheries management organizations.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of Article XV of CITES, upon exporting the above-mentioned shark species to all countries including those which are not parties to CITES, Japan will voluntarily conduct procedures related to export permits that are required under CITES, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations.»

- With note received on 27 December 2016, the Republic of India enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Dalbergia* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention. India declared at the same time that its Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) is the competent authority of the Republic of India to issue comparable certificates according to Article X of the CITES.
- With letter received on 29 December 2016, Switzerland enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Beaucarnea* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention.
- With letter received on 29 December 2016, the United Arab Emirates enter a reservation with reference to the transfer of *Psittacus erithacus* from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention.
- With note dated 3 January, received on 4 January 2017, Canada enters a reservation with respect to the amendments to the Appendices I and II of the Convention, due to the necessity to complete its domestic legal requirements for the entry into force of these amendments. In keeping with the practice followed in similar cases of late reservations, the Department proposes that it will receive the reservation in question for deposit in the absence of any objection received from any of the States Parties - either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged - within a period of 90 days from the date of the present note, i.e. until 24 April 2017. In the absence of any such objection, the said reservations will be accepted for deposit upon the expiration of this period.
- With note dated 30 December 2016, received by E-Mail on 6 January 2017, then posted on 16 and received in original on 17 January 2017, the Republic of Guatemala enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Beaucarnea* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention. In keeping with the practice followed in similar cases of late reservations, the Department proposes that it will receive the reservation in question for deposit in the absence of any objection received from any of the States Parties - either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged - within a period of 90 days from the date of the present note, i.e. until 24 April 2017. In the absence of any such objection, the said reservations will be accepted for deposit upon the expiration of this period.
- With note dated 11 January, received on 12 January 2017, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Carcharhinus falciformis* and *Alopias* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention. In keeping with the practice followed in similar cases of late reservations, the Department proposes that it will receive the reservation in question for deposit in the absence of any objection received from any of the States Parties - either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged - within a period of 90 days from the date of the present note, i.e. until 24 April 2017. In the absence of any such objection, the said reservations will be accepted for deposit upon the expiration of this period.
- With note dated 12 January 2017, received on the same day, the State of Kuwait enters a reservation with reference to the transfer of *Psittacus erithacus* from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention. In keeping with the practice followed in similar cases of late reservations, the Department proposes that it will receive the reservation in question for deposit in the absence of any objection received from any of the States Parties - either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged - within a period of 90 days from the date of the present note, i.e. until 24 April 2017. In the absence of any such objection, the said reservations will be accepted for deposit upon the expiration of this period.

The present notification is addressed to the Governments of the Signatory and Acceding States by the Depositary (www.fdfa.admin.ch/depositary) in conformity with article XXV, paragraph 2, of the CITES.

Berne, 24 January 2017

