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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. Acceptance of the amendments of Bonn and of Gaborone by the Republic of Hungary

On 19 April 2005, the Republic of Hungary deposited with the Swiss government an instrument of acceptance of the amendment of article XI of the CITES, adopted at Bonn on 22 June 1979.

According to article XVII, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the amendment of Bonn will enter into force for the Republic of Hungary 60 days after the deposit of the instrument of acceptance, i.e. on 18 June 2005.

Equally on 19 April 2005, the Republic of Hungary deposited with the Swiss government an instrument of acceptance of the amendment of article XXI of the CITES, adopted at Gaborone on 30 April 1983.

The amendment of Gaborone has not entered into force yet..

II. Reservation by the State of Qatar

With note received on 8 November 2004, the State of Qatar entered a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Aquilaria* spp. and of *Gyrinops* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention, decision taken at the thirteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (Bangkok, 2-14 October 2004) and entered into force on 12 January 2005.

III. Objection from the United States of America to a reservation by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

By communication received on 28 April 2005, the United States of America entered an objection to the reservation by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with reference to the inclusion of *Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention.

By notification dated 1 February 2005, the depositary informed the States Parties that, 'with note received on 13 January 2005 (after expiration of the period of 90 days stipulated in Article XV, paragraph 3), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia enters a reservation with reference to the inclusion of *Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp. in Appendix II of the Convention. In keeping with the practice followed in similar cases by depositaries and taking into account the circumstances, the Department proposes to the States Parties that it will receive the reservation in question for deposit in the absence of any objection received on the part of 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 2 May 2005'.

Due to this objection from the United States of America, the said reservation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will not be accepted for deposit.

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, 25 May 2005

