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REPLY . . . FILE

Dear Jonathan

Please refer to Notification 2008/002 advising of the request by the Philippines to register a commercial captive breeding operation for several species of Appendix I listed bird species.

In accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP14), Australia is lodging (herewith) a formal objection to the application for all species requested because we believe there are links between the captive breeding operation and persons who have been convicted in Australia of illegal wildlife trafficking offences.

Australia would like to formally request the Secretariat for further information on the legal acquisition of the original stock, including any documentation that may be available.

If you have any queries, please contact Nina Thappa on e-mail nina.thappa@environment.gov.au, or fax +61 2 6274 1921.

Yours sincerely

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