



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2013/045

Geneva, 4 October 2013

CONCERNING:

Entry into force of the amendment to Article XXI of the text of the Convention
(Gaborone, 30 April 1983)

1. On 30 April 1983, the Conference of the Parties adopted an amendment to Article XXI of the Convention, at an extraordinary meeting held in Gaborone, Botswana. This amendment provides the possibility for regional economic integration organizations to accede to the Convention and its text is provided in Annex 1 to this Notification.
2. On 30 September 2013, Costa Rica deposited with the Swiss Confederation an instrument of acceptance of the 'Gaborone amendment'. Thus, 54 of the 80 States that were party to CITES on 30 April 1983 (i.e. two-thirds of them) have now deposited their instruments of acceptance of this amendment. Consequently, in accordance with Article XVII, paragraph 3, of the text of the Convention, the amendment shall enter into force on 29 November 2013 for these 54 States, as well as for the 43 States that became party to CITES after 30 April 1983 and that have already accepted the amendment (see Annex 2). For any State that becomes a Party after 29 November 2013, the amended text of the Convention will apply automatically.
3. However, for States that became party to the Convention before that date and have not accepted the amendment, it will enter into force 60 days after they accept it. Twenty-six States party to the Convention on 30 April 1983 and 55 States that became party to CITES after that date have not accepted the Gaborone amendment (see Annex 3). The Secretariat urges these Parties to accept the Gaborone amendment and, if relevant, the Bonn amendment (adopted on 22 June 1979 and in force since 13 April 1987) as soon as possible by depositing an instrument of acceptance with the Depository Government, the Government of the Swiss Confederation.
4. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2010/039 of 1 December 2010.

Gaborone amendment to the text of the Convention

The Gaborone amendment consists of inserting five new paragraphs after the words "Depositary Government." in Article XXI of the Convention, as follows:

1. The present Convention shall be open indefinitely for accession. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary Government.
2. This Convention shall be open for accession by regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States which have competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and implementation of international agreements in matters transferred to them by their Member States and covered by this Convention.
3. In their instruments of accession, such organization shall declare the extent of their competence with respect to the matters governed by the Convention. These organizations shall also inform the Depositary Government of any substantial modification in the extent of their competence. Notifications by regional economic integration organizations concerning their competence with respect to matters governed by this Convention and modifications thereto shall be distributed to the Parties by the Depositary Government.
4. In matters within their competence, such regional economic integration organizations shall exercise the rights and fulfil the obligations which this Convention attributes to their Member States, which are Parties to the Convention. In such cases the Member States of the organizations shall not be entitled to exercise such rights individually.
5. In the fields of their competence, regional economic integration organizations shall exercise their right to vote with a number of votes equal to the number of their Member States which are Parties to the Convention. Such organizations shall not exercise their right to vote if their Member States exercise theirs, and vice versa.
6. Any reference to "Party" in the sense used in Article I (h) of this Convention, to "State"/"States" or to "State Party"/"State Parties" to the Convention shall be construed as including a reference to any regional economic integration organization having competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international agreements in matters covered by this Convention.

Parties that have accepted the Gaborone amendment
(in chronological order)

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Date Date of deposit of instrument of acceptance

Order	State	ISO	Region	Date
<i>States Parties on 30/04/1983</i>				
1	Monaco	MC	4	24/08/1983
2	Seychelles	SC	1	15/09/1983
3	Norway	NO	4	15/02/1984
4	Togo	TG	1	24/02/1984
5	Uruguay	UY	3	21/12/1984
6	Austria	AT	4	21/01/1985
7	Germany	DE	4	20/03/1985
8	Chile	CL	3	06/09/1985
9	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	GB	4	13/12/1985
10	Italy	IT	4	23/01/1986
11	Brazil	BR	3	05/02/1986
12	France	FR	4	16/09/1986
13	Zimbabwe	ZW	1	08/02/1988
14	Belize	BZ	3	14/03/1988
15	Senegal	SN	1	28/03/1988
16	Philippines	PH	2	17/05/1988
17	China	CN	2	07/07/1988
18	Mauritius	MU	1	21/07/1988
19	Sri Lanka	LK	2	07/11/1988
20	Denmark	DK	4	10/01/1989
21	India	IN	2	11/01/1989
22	Finland	FI	4	27/06/1989
23	Rwanda	RW	1	30/08/1989
24	Botswana	BW	1	04/09/1989

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25	Morocco	MA	1	07/08/1990
26	Malawi	MW	1	17/08/1990
27	Argentina	AR	3	19/12/1990
28	Australia	AU	6	13/11/1991
29	Portugal	PT	4	05/03/1992
30	Sweden	SE	4	11/03/1993
31	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	BO	3	26/04/1993
32	Cyprus	CY	4	29/11/1993
33	Switzerland	CH	4	22/11/1994
34	Canada	CA	5	01/02/1999
35	Saint Lucia	LC	3	09/02/1999
36	Peru	PE	3	20/05/1999
37	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	VE	3	11/06/1999
38	Ghana	GH	1	16/12/1999
39	Liechtenstein	LI	4	21/12/2000
40	Paraguay	PY	3	22/02/2001
41	Niger	NE	1	07/06/2002
42	Kenya	KE	1	04/11/2002
43	Egypt	EG	1	17/07/2003
44	United Republic of Tanzania	TZ	1	09/12/2004
45	Colombia	CO	3	22/09/2006
46	Madagascar	MG	1	09/10/2006
47	Guyana	GY	3	05/07/2007
48	Panama	PA	3	23/05/2011
49	Israel	IL	4	16/09/2011
50	Guatemala	GT	3	25/01/2012
51	Nicaragua	NI	3	20/09/2012
52	Cameroon	CM	1	12/12/2012
53	Ecuador	EC	3	21/02/2013
54	Costa Rica	CR	3	30/09/2013
States not Parties on 30/04/1983				
1	Trinidad and Tobago	TT	3	17/05/1984
2	Netherlands	NL	4	12/02/1985
3	Belgium	BE	4	30/07/1985
4	Luxembourg	LU	4	29/08/1989

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5	Spain	ES	4	29/01/1991
6	Uganda	UG	1	13/03/1992
7	Burkina Faso	BF	1	09/04/1992
8	Brunei Darussalam	BN	2	18/06/1992
9	Slovakia	SK	4	02/03/1993
10	Barbados	BB	3	07/06/1993
11	Saint Kitts and Nevis	KN	3	30/05/1994
12	Eritrea	ER	1	24/10/1994
13	Antigua and Barbuda	AG	3	08/07/1997
14	Mali	ML	1	04/08/1997
15	New Zealand	NZ	6	04/08/1997
16	Fiji	FJ	6	30/09/1997
17	Uzbekistan	UZ	2	29/01/1998
18	Grenada	GD	3	30/08/1999
19	Iceland	IS	4	03/01/2000
20	Slovenia	SI	4	24/01/2000
21	Congo	CG	1	07/02/2000
22	Croatia	HR	4	14/03/2000
23	Estonia	EE	4	14/04/2000
24	Ireland	IE	4	08/01/2002
25	Bhutan	BT	2	15/08/2002
26	Greece	GR	4	24/09/2002
27	Republic of Korea	KR	2	21/07/2003
28	Palau	PW	6	16/04/2004
29	Lithuania	LT	4	25/05/2004
30	Czech Republic	CZ	4	05/08/2004
31	Samoa	WS	6	09/11/2004
32	Hungary	HU	4	19/04/2005
33	Poland	PL	4	13/06/2005
34	Cape Verde	CV	1	10/08/2005
35	Latvia	LV	4	19/08/2005
36	Solomon Islands	SB	6	26/03/2007
37	Romania	RO	4	22/08/2007
38	Moldova	MD	4	28/11/2008
39	Mexico	MX	5	06/05/2009

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40	Bulgaria	BG	4	17/05/2010
41	El Salvador	SV	3	18/09/2012
42	Maldives	MV	2	12/12/2012
43	Honduras	HN	3	15/02/2013

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<i>States Parties on 30/04/1983</i>			
1	Bahamas	BS	3
2	Bangladesh	BD	2
3	Central African Republic	CF	1
4	Democratic Republic of the Congo	CD	1
5	Gambia	GM	1
6	Guinea	GN	1
7	Indonesia	ID	2
8	Islamic Republic of Iran	IR	2
9	Japan	JP	2
10	Jordan	JO	2
11	Liberia	LR	1
12	Malaysia	MY	2
13	Mozambique	MZ	1
14	Nepal	NP	2
15	Nigeria	NG	1
16	Pakistan	PK	2
17	Papua New Guinea	PG	6
18	Russian Federation (as a 'continuator' of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	RU	4
19	South Africa	ZA	1
20	Sudan	SD	1
21	Suriname	SR	3
22	Thailand	TH	2
23	Tunisia	TN	1

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24	United Arab Emirates	AE	2
25	United States of America	US	5
26	Zambia	ZM	1
States not Parties on 30/04/1983			
1	Afghanistan	AF	2
2	Albania	AL	4
3	Algeria	DZ	1
4	Armenia	AM	4
5	Azerbaijan	AZ	2
6	Bahrain	BH	2
7	Belarus	BY	4
8	Benin	BJ	1
9	Bosnia and Herzegovina	BA	4
10	Burundi	BI	1
11	Cambodia	KH	2
12	Chad	TC	1
13	Comoros	KM	1
14	Côte d'Ivoire	CI	1
15	Cuba	CU	3
16	Djibouti	DJ	1
17	Dominica	DM	3
18	Dominican Republic	DO	3
19	Equatorial Guinea	GQ	1
20	Ethiopia	ET	1
21	Gabon	GA	1
22	Georgia	GE	4
23	Guinea-Bissau	GW	1
24	Jamaica	JM	3
25	Kazakhstan	KZ	2
26	Kuwait	KW	2
27	Kyrgyzstan	KG	2
28	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LA	2
29	Lebanon	LB	2
30	Lesotho	LS	1
31	Libya	LY	1

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32	Malta	MT	4
33	Mauritania	MR	1
34	Mongolia	MN	2
35	Montenegro	ME	4
36	Myanmar	MM	2
37	Namibia	NA	1
38	Oman	OM	2
39	Qatar	QA	2
40	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	VC	3
41	San Marino	SM	4
42	Sao Tome and Principe	ST	1
43	Saudi Arabia	SA	2
44	Serbia	RS	4
45	Sierra Leone	SL	1
46	Singapore	SG	2
47	Somalia	SO	1
48	Swaziland	SZ	1
49	Syrian Arab Republic	SY	2
50	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	MK	4
51	Turkey	TR	4
52	Ukraine	UA	4
53	Vanuatu	VU	6
54	Viet Nam	VN	2
55	Yemen	YE	2