



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/029

Geneva, 6 April 2017

CONCERNING:

### Reservations on Appendices I and II

1. In Notification to the Parties No. 2017/010 of 26 January 2017, the Secretariat provided information about specific reservations made by Parties with regard to amendments to Appendices I and II adopted at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Johannesburg, 2016).
2. The deadline for making such reservations was 2 January 2017, that is 90 days after the meeting at which the amendments were adopted, as specified in Article XV, paragraph 3, of the Convention.
3. The reservations listed in Notification to the Parties No. 2017/010 included reservations made by Canada with respect to all amendments to the Appendices I and II, by Guatemala with reference to the inclusion of *Beaucarnea* spp. in Appendix II, by Guyana with reference to the inclusion of *Carcharhinus falciformis* and *Alopias* spp. in Appendix II, as well as by Kuwait with reference to the transfer of *Psittacus erithacus* from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention, which were annotated to indicate that they would be considered received, provided that no Party objected to this.
4. The reason was that these reservations had been received after the deadline laid down in the text of the Convention. When informing Parties of these reservations on 24 January 2017, through the diplomatic channel, the Depositary Government (Government of Switzerland) stated:

*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.*

5. Before the deadline it established, the Depositary Government did receive objections to the reservations in question. Consequently, it has informed the Parties that the above reservations submitted by Canada, Guatemala, Guyana and Kuwait will not be accepted for deposit. The reservations in question will not therefore be included in the list of reservations entered by Parties maintained on the CITES website (<https://cites.org/eng/app/reserve.php>).