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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 amendment of Gaborone by the Republic of Honduras

On 15 February 2013, the Republic of Honduras deposited with the Swiss Federal Council 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. Acceptance of the amendment of Gaborone by the Republic of Ecuador

On 21 February 2013, the Republic of Ecuador deposited with the Swiss Federal Council 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.

III. Accession to the CITES by the Lebanese Republic

On 25 February 2013, the Lebanese Republic deposited with the Swiss Federal Council an instrument of accession to the CITES.

According to its article XXII, paragraph 2, the Convention, amended in Bonn on 22 June 1979, will enter into force for the Lebanese Republic 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 26 May 2013.

IV. Reservation made by the People's Republic of China

On 26 February 2013, the People's Republic of China entered, pursuant to Article XVI, paragraph 2, of the CITES, a reservation with respect to the listing of *Lamna nasus* and of *Sphyrna lewini* in Appendix III of the Convention.

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, 1st March 2013