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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. Accession by the Azerbaijani Republic

On 23 November 1998, the Azerbaijani Republic deposited with the Swiss Government 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 Azerbaijani Republic 90 days after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 21 February 1999.

II. Withdrawal of a reservation by Switzerland

On 27 October 1998, Switzerland has withdrawn its reservation, made on 8 June 1979 pursuant to article XV, paragraph 3 of the CITES, with respect to *Pantholops hodgsoni*.

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, 30 November 1998

