

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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Notification
to the Signatory or Contracting States of the
CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA
signed at Washington on 3 March 1973

I

RATIFICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY
AND ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

Pursuant to Article XXV, Paragraph 2, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Federal Political Department has the honour to inform the Signatory or Contracting Parties that the Republic of Paraguay has deposited, on 15 November 1976, with the Swiss Government the instruments of ratification of the aforementioned Convention. In conformity with its Article XXII, Paragraph 2, the Convention has come into force for the Republic of Paraguay on 13 February 1977.

Based on Article XXI of the Convention, the Republic of Seychelles has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 8 February 1977, an instrument of accession to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. The accession of the Republic of Seychelles will take effect on 9 May 1977 according to Article XXII, Paragraph 2, of the aforementioned Convention.

II

RESERVATION ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG

By note of 3 February 1977 to the Embassy of Switzerland in London, received there on the same day, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office entered a reservation on behalf of Hong Kong, which reads as follows:

"The first Conference of the Parties held in Berne in November 1976 proposed certain amendments to the Appendices which will come into force for all parties to the Convention on 4 February.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article XV of the Convention, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office wishes to enter a reservation on behalf of Hong Kong for the African elephant, *Loxodonta Africana*, which was added to Appendix II of the Convention at the Berne Conference."

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office nevertheless pointed out that Hong Kong is currently reviewing its reservations on all species of elephants and hopes to be able to withdraw its reservations in the near future.

The present notification is made according to Article XXV, Paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Berne, 17 March 1977.