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REPORT OF THE DEPOSITORY (Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)

1. The Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) serves as the Depository of the Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and Their Habitats (the Gorilla Agreement) pursuant to Article XVII of the Agreement.
2. The CMS Secretariat has the honour to submit the present report to the Third Meeting of the Parties of the Gorilla Agreement.
3. Since the Second Meeting of the Parties held in November 2011 in Bergen, Norway, Uganda has acceded to the Gorilla Agreement and became the seventh Party on 1 October 2014. The CMS Secretariat notified the Parties of the accession with [Notification 2014/023](#) in July 2014.
4. The Republic of Angola informed the CMS Secretariat, that its Parliament had ratified the Gorilla Agreement on 25 April 2013. However, as the Depository to the Agreement, the CMS Secretariat has not yet received the documents of accession.
5. As of 1 April 2019, the Central African Republic, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda are Parties to the Agreement. Three Range States remain that are not Parties to the Agreement: Angola, Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea (Table 1).

Table 1: Status of ratification and accession of the Gorilla Agreement (as at 1 April 2019)

Range State	Date of Entry into Force
Angola	-
Cameroon	-
Central African Republic	1 June 2008
Congo	1 June 2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 June 2008
Equatorial Guinea	-
Gabon	1 October 2008
Nigeria	1 June 2008
Rwanda	1 June 2008
Uganda	1 October 2014

6. In accordance with Resolution 2.1 Paragraph 1, all Range States that are non-Parties to the Agreement are encouraged to accede to the instrument to effectively carry out cooperative measures for Gorilla conservation in the region. The CMS Secretariat assists Range States wishing to become Parties in making the necessary arrangements for accession.