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## REPORT OF DEPOSITORY

*(Prepared by the Federal Republic of Germany)*

Attached is the Report of the Depository. The report is presented by the Secretariat unedited in the language in which it was received (English) from the Federal Republic of Germany.

## **Report of the Depository for the triennium 2009-2011**

The Depository of the Convention, the German Federal Foreign Office, has the honour to submit this report to the Parties and signatory States to the Convention of 23 June 1979 on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

Since the last Conference of the Parties six more countries have acceded to the Convention. The Convention enters into force for the acceding country on the first day of the third month after the country has deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention with the Depository. The Governments of the following countries have notified the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany as the Depository of their accession to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) with effect from the following dates:

Montenegro	1 March 2009
Mozambique	1 August 2009
Ethiopia	1 January 2010
Equatorial Guinea	1 August 2010
Armenia	1 March 2011
Burundi	1 July 2011

As of 1 August 2011, the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals number 116 (115 member states and the European Union).

Germany's activities to encourage more countries to become parties to the CMS during the triennium 2009 – 2011 were as follows:

In addition to the efforts of the CMS Secretariat to this end, the German Federal Foreign Office instructed German embassies to offer their respective host-countries wishing to become parties support and assistance in making the necessary arrangements for accession.

### **Accession of Russia**

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMU) continues to work closely and effectively with the CMS Secretariat to promote Russia's accession to the CMS and CMS-related Agreements. The subject of CMS accession was on the agenda of the German-Russian working group meeting held on 21 and 22 June 2010.

At the St Petersburg Tiger Summit (20-23 November 2010) Germany again raised the CMS accession issue.

According to information received in the first months of 2011, Russia is still interested in CMS accession. However, there have recently been major staff changes at the relevant ministry's Nature Protection Directorate and talks with the new head of Nature Protection have not been possible to date.

### **Accession of Kyrgyzstan**

With support from the GIZ, a German development organisation, and in consultation with the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Kyrgyzstan is currently making arrangements to become a party to the CMS. The relevant legislative process has been prepared and the accession of Kyrgyzstan under its new government is expected during the current parliamentary term.