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Since the last report of the depositary (September 2014) and until this day, the Convention has entered into force for the following countries:

Afghanistan 1 August 2015

Brazil 1 October 2015

This brings the total membership of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) to 122 members.

Germany engages in the following initiatives to recruit new members: Recruitment efforts are primarily undertaken by the CMS Secretariat in Bonn. At the same time, the Federal Foreign Office contacts German embassies abroad which then provide assistance, for example, in matters relating to the signing and ratification of the agreement. The embassies are hence also involved in the recruitment of new members.