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REPORT OF DEPOSITORY*(Prepared by the Federal Republic of Germany)*

1. 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 Depository for the triennium 2006-2008

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 17 new member states joined 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 states communicated their accession to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany as the Depository and acceded with effect of following dates:

Algeria	01.12.2005
Bangladesh	01.12.2005
Cape Verde	01.05.2006
Kazakhstan	01.05.2006
Cook Islands	01.08.2006
Angola	01.12.2006
Yemen	01.12.2006
Madagascar	01.01.2007
Honduras	01.04.2007
Costa Rica	01.08.2007
Antigua and Barbuda	01.10.2007
Islamic Republic of Iran	01.02.2008
Cuba	01.02.2008
Republic of Palau	01.02.2008
Republic of Serbia	01.03.2008
Gabon	01.08.2008
Estonia	01.10.2008

As of 1 October 2008 the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals consists of 110 Parties.

Recruitment efforts are mainly carried out by the CMS Secretariat in Bonn, whereas the Depositary supports the Secretariat in promoting the Convention in order to recruit new Parties. In addition, the Foreign Office contacts German embassies in target countries in order to support the final step of the accession procedure, the signing of the documents. During the triennium 2006 – 2008 the Depositary supported the Secretariat's promoting activities in the following countries:

Armenia

Belize

Botswana

Brazil

Burundi

China

Cuba

El Salvador

Equatorial Guinea

Estonia

Ethiopia

Guatemala

Haiti

Islamic Republic of Iran

Malawi

Namibia

Nicaragua

Russia

Zimbabwe