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REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY

(Prepared by the Government of Germany)

Summary:

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

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Since the last Report of the Depositary, published at the 56th Meeting of the Standing Committee, no further countries have acceded to the Convention.

As of 17 February 2026, the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals number 133 (132 member States and the European Union).

Since the last Report of the Depositary in January 2025, the Federal Republic of Germany, in its capacity as Depositary, has received no notification from a Party regarding objections, reservations or withdrawals.

With its Note Verbale of 29 October 2024 addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany in its capacity as Depositary, the Czech Republic informed the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with Article XX of the Convention, of the withdrawal of its reservations made with respect to the Amendments of the Appendices of the Convention adopted at the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The withdrawal of the reservations made by the Czech Republic became effective at the end of the day on 28 January 2025 in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 6, second sentence, of the Convention.

Regarding COP 13 Resolution 13.8, which instructs the Secretariat and the Depositary Government to remind affected Parties explicitly of reservations that will be rendered invalid, the Depositary states that it is not aware of any such reservations.

The Federal Republic of Germany engages in the following initiatives to recruit new members:

The Federal Republic of Germany supports the recruitment efforts undertaken by the CMS Secretariat in Bonn. In addition, the Federal Foreign Office contacts German missions abroad, which then provide assistance in matters relating, for example, to accession to the Convention. The missions are hence also involved in the recruitment of new members. The CMS Secretariat is currently approaching a number of countries to discuss possible accession.