

5th Session of the Meeting of Parties

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 4 – 6 September 2006

Report of the Depositary



The United Kingdom in its capacity as Depositary is pleased to inform the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats that since the 4th Session of the Meeting of Parties (Sofia, Bulgaria, 22 – 24 September 2003) Slovenia, Estonia and Italy have acceded to the Agreement.

The Depositary would like to encourage those Parties that have not yet done so, to deposit their instruments of acceptance for the second Amendment to the Agreement.

Up to date status lists for the Agreement as well as the first and the second Amendment are here attached.

Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats

(Formerly known as the Agreement for the Conservation of Bats in Europe)

London 4 December 1991

(Entered into force on 16 January, 1994)

State	Date of Signature	
Belgium	4 December, 1991+	14 May, 2003 (4, 5)
Denmark	4 December, 1991+	6 January, 1994
France	10 December, 1993+	7 July, 1995 (AP)
Germany	5 December, 1991+	18 October, 1993 (AP)
Ireland	21 June, 1993+	21 June, 1995
Luxembourg	4 December, 1991+	29 October, 1993
Netherlands	4 December, 1991+	17 March, 1992 (AC)
Norway	3 February, 1993	Not necessary
Portugal	4 June, 1993+	10 January, 1996
Sweden	4 March, 1992	Not necessary
United Kingdom	4 December, 1991+	9 September, 1992 (1)(2)(3)

ACCESSIONS

State	Date of deposit of Instrument of Accession
Czech Republic	24 February 1994
Hungary	22 June 1994
Poland	10 April 1996
Slovak Republic	9 July 1998
Monaco	23 July 1999
Macedonia, FYR	15 September 1999
Finland	20 September 1999
Ukraine	30 September 1999
Bulgaria	9 November 1999
Romania	20 July 2000
Croatia	8 August 2000
Moldova	2 February 2001
Malta	2 March 2001
Albania	22 June 2001
Lithuania	28 November 2001
Georgia	25 July 2002
Latvia	1 August 2003
Slovenia	5 December 2003
Estonia	11 November 2004 (6)
Italy	20 October 2005

+ Signature with reservation in respect of ratification

(1) The instrument of ratification by the Government of the United Kingdom includes The Isle of Man and Gibraltar.

(2) Ratification by the Government of the United Kingdom was

extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey on 23 June 1999.

(3) Ratification by the Government of the United Kingdom was extended to the Bailiwick of Jersey on 29 October 2001

(4) The Competent Authority for the region of Brussels-Capital is the Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment.

(5) In a letter received by the depositary on 29 August 2003, the Minister of External Relations of the Kingdom of Belgium stated as follows; 'In the relations with other States, the Kingdom of Belgium as a whole is considered to be one single party to the Agreement. Internal concertation procedures, foreseen in Belgian constitutional law and in co-operation agreements between the three regions, will ensure that the three regions will cast one single vote for the Kingdom of Belgium, in accordance with Article V.4 of the Agreement'.

(6) Estonia declares that the designated authority responsible for the implementation of the Agreement is the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia.

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**Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations
of European Bats**

(Formerly known as the Agreement for the Conservation of Bats in Europe)

Bristol 18 to 20 July 1995

(Enters into force on 8 January 2000)

State	Date of Deposit of Instrument of Acceptance
Bulgaria	9 November, 1999
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Finland	20 September, 1999
France	
Germany	
Hungary	
Ireland	
Luxembourg	13 September, 2000
Netherlands	14 March, 1996
Norway	
Poland	
Portugal	
Sweden	4 May, 2001
Ukraine	30 September, 1999
United Kingdom (1)(2)	20 February, 1998

(1) In respect of Gibraltar only.

(2) Subsequently extended to the Bailiwick of Jersey

ACCESSIONS TO THE AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED

Romania	20 July, 2000
Croatia	8 August, 2000
Moldova	2 February, 2001
Malta	2 March, 2001
Albania	22 June, 2001
Lithuania	28 November, 2001
Georgia	25 July, 2002
Latvia	1 August, 2003
Slovenia	5 December, 2003
Estonia	11 November, 2004 (3)
Italy	20 October 2005

RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED

Belgium	14 May, 2003
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NOTES:

- (1) UK's Acceptance was in respect of Gibraltar only.
- (2) Subsequently extended to the Bailiwick of Jersey.
- (3) Estonia declares that the designated authority responsible for the implementation of the Agreement is the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia.

PUBLICATION REFERENCE: Misc 7 (1996); Cm 3155

**Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations
of European Bats**

(Formerly known as the Agreement for the Conservation of Bats in Europe)

Bristol 24 to 26 July 2000

(The Amendment entered into force on 13 August 2001)

State	Date of Deposit of Instrument of Acceptance
Bulgaria	19 October, 2001
Croatia	
Czech Republic	21 June, 2002
Denmark	14 June, 2001
Finland	24 January, 2001
France	28 June, 2001
Germany	14 March, 2003
Hungary	
Ireland	
Luxembourg	5 November 2002
Macedonia, FYR	19 March 2003
Malta	2 March, 2001
Monaco	13 December, 2000
Netherlands	8 January, 2004 (2)
Norway	
Poland	
Portugal	
Romania	
Slovak Republic	
Sweden	4 May, 2001
Ukraine	
United Kingdom	9 May, 2002 (1)

ACCESSIONS TO THE AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED

Lithuania	28 November, 2001
Georgia	25 July, 2002
Latvia	1 August, 2003
Slovenia	5 December, 2003
Estonia	11 November, 2004 (3)
Italy	20 October 2005

RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED

Belgium	14 May, 2003
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NOTES:

1. The United Kingdom's Acceptance included Gibraltar, the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey, and the Isle of Man.
2. Acceptance by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Kingdom in Europe.
3. Estonia declares that the designated authority responsible for the implementation of the Agreement is the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia.

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