**REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE 13th MEETING OF THE**

**AEWA STANDING COMMITTEE (StC13), THE HAGUE 2018**

This report provides the latest information on the accession of Range States to the Agreement and on reservations, declarations and objections made by Parties since the 12th Meeting of the Standing Committee in January 2017.

In 2017 Botswana has acceded to the agreement. In 2018 the reservations made by the Czech Republic were withdrawn.

**Parties** (The Hague, 5 September 2017)

| **Party** | **Ratification** | **Entry into force** |
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| Botswana | 22-08-2017  | 01-11-2017 |

**Reservations, declarations and objections** (The Hague, 3 January 2018)

**Withdrawal of Reservations**

**Czech Republic**, 22-12-2017

With reference to depositary notifications No. 03/2012 of 31 August 2012 and No. 05/2016 of 19 February 2016.

The Government of the Czech Republic withdraws the reservations, which were made in accordance with Article X of the above-mentioned Agreement due to impossibility to accomplish the procedure of internal approval concerning the Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement, as accepted at the 5th Session (La Rochelle, France, 14-18 May 2012) and 6th Session (Bonn, Germany, 9-14 November 2015) of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement, in the ninety days period.

As provided for in paragraph 6 of Article 10 of the Agreement, the Amendments shall enter into force for the Czech Republic on the thirtieth day after the date of the withdrawal of the reservation,
21 January 2018.

**All relevant information can be found on the depositary website:** [**https://verdragenbank.overheid.nl/en/Treaty/Details/007342**](https://verdragenbank.overheid.nl/en/Treaty/Details/007342)