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Notification
to the Signatory States of the Convention on Jurisdiction
and the Enforcement of Judgements in Civil and Commercial Matters,
concluded at Lugano on 16 September 1988

Accession by the Republic of Poland

On 1st November 1999, the Republic of Poland deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Convention. The instrument was accompanied by the following documents, copies of which are enclosed to the present notification:

- List of courts having jurisdiction pursuant to article 32
- List of courts of appeal having jurisdiction pursuant to article 37, paragraph 1 and article 40
- Court having jurisdiction pursuant to article 37, paragraph 2 and article 41
- Declarations and reservation.

The depositary points out to the Signatory States the fact that the declarations made by the Republic of Poland pursuant to article 63 of the Convention are not identical to those made in 1995. Copies of the declarations notified to the Signatory States by the depositary on 23 June 1995 (French version) and by the Federal Office of Justice on 21st July 1998 (English version) are also enclosed to the present notification.

Pursuant to its article 62, paragraph 3, the Convention will enter into force for the Republic of Poland on 1st February 2000.

II. Communication by the Portuguese Republic

On 16 October 1999, the Portuguese Republic deposited with the Swiss Federal Council a communication pursuant to article VI of the Protocol No. 1 on certain questions of jurisdiction, procedure and enforcement.

A copy of the declaration made by the Portuguese Republic is enclosed to the present notification.

III. Communication by the depositary with respect to the requests of accession to the Convention by the Czech Republic and the Republic of Hungary

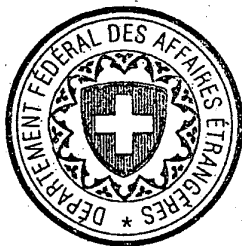
With reference to its notifications of 10 and 28 February 1998, the depositary informs that, by now, the following signatories have expressed their acceptance that the Czech Republic and the Republic of Hungary be invited to deposit their instruments of accession to the Convention:

Austria
Denmark
Finland
Germany

Luxembourg
Netherlands
Switzerland

The present notification is made by the Swiss Federal Council in its capacity as depositary of the Convention.

Enclosure



Berne, 14 January 2000