The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

I

It is recalled that the Secretary-General, by depositary notification C.N.228.1992.TREATIES-1 dated 17 August 1992, had notified that, no objection having been received to the amendments proposed by Italy to the above-mentioned Convention within a period of six months from the date of the depositary notification, all said proposed amendments were deemed accepted.

In this connexion, attention is drawn to the fact that the said proposed amendments, as circulated by depositary notification C.N.315.1991.TREATIES-1 dated 30 January 1992, indeed entered into force on 30 October 1992, with the exception, however, of the proposed amendment to article 13, consisting in the addition of a fourth paragraph: an objection was formulated by Japan to the said proposed amendment on 30 July 1992, i.e., within the period of six months from the date of the relevant depositary notification, as follows:

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned
The Government of Japan considers that the proposed provisions of Article 13, paragraph 4, setting forth the exemption from taxation in case of loss or theft of an object in the case of a seizure, do not appear precise enough to ensure the prevention of its abuse. For this reason, the Government of Japan considers that the proposed amendments should not be adopted and therefore expresses its objection to them in accordance with Article 42(2) of the Convention.

II

Consequently, in accordance with article 42 (3), all amendments proposed by Italy entered into force for all Contracting Parties three months after the expiration of the period of six months following the date of circulation of the proposed amendment by the Secretary-General, i.e. on 30 October 1992, with the exception of the proposed fourth paragraph to article 13.

20 November 1992