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

Within the period of one year from the date of depositary notification C.N.574.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.14 of 6 November 2019 by which the Secretary-General communicated the adoption of Annex VII, four (4) of the Parties to the Convention (China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic) notified the Secretary-General, pursuant to article 22 (3) (b) of the Convention, that they are unable to accept the aforementioned Annex VII.

Therefore, in accordance with article 22 (3) (c) of the Convention, Annex VII entered into force for all Parties to the Convention on 6 November 2020, with the exception of China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic which have submitted a notification of non-acceptance in accordance with article 22 (3) (b) within the above stipulated one-year period.

16 November 2020

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1 Refer to depositary notification C.N.574.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.14 of 6 November 2019 (Adoption of Annex VII).