



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Secretary-General's Certificate of Commendation

1. In 2002, the Secretariat advised the Parties of the introduction of certificates of commendation that would be issued, at the Secretary-General's discretion, to recognize exemplary actions related to enforcement.
2. The fifth such certificate was awarded on 26 July 2006 to Mr Lu Chuan, a writer and film director in China. Mr Lu wrote and directed the film 'Kekexili: Mountain Patrol'. The film illustrates the serious problems related to the poaching of Tibetan antelope and graphically portrays the harsh environment in which this animal lives and the difficulties and hazards that face the law enforcement officials who are tasked with protecting this animal and combating the criminals who illegally kill it for its wool.
3. The film has been distributed worldwide and has received considerable critical acclaim. The Secretary-General decided to award this certificate in recognition of the film's importance in bringing the plight of this species, and the work of the anti-poaching patrols, to the attention of the international community.
4. The certificate was awarded to Mr Lu in a ceremony held during a meeting of the Interpol Wildlife Working Group in Beijing, China.