



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Email correspondence purporting to come from the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat has been made aware that fake emails were sent recently using the name of the CITES Secretary-General as the original sender. A sample of such an email is attached in the annex to this Notification.
2. The Secretariat wishes to inform all CITES Parties and other relevant stakeholders, including the participants to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva, that such emails are not sent from any existing Secretariat staff. Furthermore, the Secretariat staff do not use personal email accounts for any correspondence. The Secretariat recommends that you do not reply to such an email, open attachments, or follow any hyperlinks contained therein.
3. Parties and other relevant stakeholders are advised to check closely for any irregular communication purporting to originate from the Secretariat. If in doubt, you may wish to contact the Secretariat through a separate email to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org), or by other means of communication (e.g., telephone or by post).

Annex

**Sample fraudulent email**

Good day,

How are you doing? Ivonne here (CITES SG). Writing from my personal email, please I would like to ask you for a favour (business-related). Kindly reply to let me know if I may.

Thank you,

Ivonne Higuero