

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

New regional representatives for the North American region
on the Animals and Plants Committee

1. On 29 March 2023, the Standing Committee Members representing the North American region informed the Secretariat that Ms. Cecilia Loughheed resigned from her position as Member of the Plants Committee and that Ms. Rosemarie Gnam resigned from her position as alternate Member of the Animals Committee - both selected by the North American region.
2. In accordance with paragraph 12 of Annex 2 to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*, the Secretariat drew the resulting vacancies to the attention of the Committees concerned, the Chair of the Standing Committee and the regional Member(s) of the Standing Committee from the region concerned. The Chair of the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee's Regional Members from North America decided that the following persons would fill the vacancies on an interim basis until the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
 - **Mr. Ruben Boles** of Canada will replace Ms. Cecilia Loughheed as representative for the North American region on the Plants Committee; and
 - **Mr. Thomas Leuteritz** of the United States of America will replace Ms. Rosemarie Gnam as alternate representative for the North American region on the Animals Committee.
3. This change takes immediate effect; the Secretariat has amended the Animals and Plants Committees' Members' page on the CITES website accordingly.