



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Vacancy of a representative of the European region

1. The Secretariat has been informed that the one of the two regional Representatives of the European region in the Animals Committee, Ms. Dagmar Zíková, has resigned from her position with immediate effect.
2. [Resolution Conf. 18.2 on Establishment of committees](#), Annex 2, paragraph 12 stipulates the procedure to be followed in case of a vacancy arising amongst the Members and alternate Members of a committee between the regular meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
3. In accordance with these provisions, the Secretariat has notified the vacancy to the Committee concerned, the Chair of the Standing Committee and the regional Members of the Standing Committee from the European region.
4. Further in accordance with paragraph 12 b), the Secretariat is hereby calling for nominations from Parties from the European region to fill the vacancy of the regional representative of the European region. Until a decision is reached, the alternate Member will serve as the acting Member in accordance with paragraph 6 in Annex 2 to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*.
5. The Secretariat notes that it has received information that the current alternate of Ms. Zíková, Mr Gerald Benyr, will be proposed by a Party in the European region to fill the position vacated by Ms Zíková. The Secretariat is therefore also inviting candidates for the position as alternate Member for the European region.
6. Parties from the European region are requested to observe the following guidelines in relation to the candidates they propose:
 - a) Parties proposing candidates should make it clear whether they propose a candidate as a Member or as an alternate Member of the Animals Committee; they should also confirm, at the time of nomination, that the candidate will be supported and that they will obtain the necessary means to undertake their activities;

- b) ideally, the candidates should be associated with a Scientific Authority, have adequate knowledge of CITES and receive sufficient institutional support to carry out their duties. This information should also be included in the *curricula vitae* of the nominated candidates;
 - c) proposed candidates should be persons; a Party should not be accepted as a proposed candidate even if it plans to identify a person at a later time; and
 - d) the names of the proposed candidates, their *curricula vitae*, and a declaration of interest in which the candidates should disclose any current financial interest that might call into question their impartiality, objectivity or independence in carrying out their duties as a member or alternate member of the Committee should be officially submitted to the Secretariat (info@cites.org) by **2 August 2023** by the Management Authority authorized to communicate with the Secretariat designated under Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Convention.
7. In accordance with paragraph 12 c) of Resolution Conf. 18.2, Annex 2, the Secretariat will provide the names and *curricula vitae* of the candidates for the position as Representative or alternate Representative to the Chair of the Standing Committee and to the Regional Members of the European Region (Belgium, Georgia, Poland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) of the Standing Committee. Further, in accordance with subparagraph c), they will decide on the person to fill the vacancy on an interim basis until the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties where the usual procedure for electing Members of the Committee in accordance with Resolution Conf. 18.2 will be followed.