



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/105

Geneva, 24 August 2023

CONCERNING:

ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Vacancy of a representative of the European region

1. Further to Notification No. 2023/080 of 12 July 2023, the Secretariat received one nomination for the position as Representative and one nomination for the position as alternate Representative of the European Region on the Animals Committee on an interim basis by the deadline of 2 August 2023 set out in the Notification.
2. In accordance with the procedure set out in [Resolution Conf. 18.2 on Establishment of committees](#), Annex 2, paragraph 12, the Secretariat submitted the two candidates to the Chair of the Standing Committee and the Regional Members of the European Region of the Standing Committee on 4 August 2023 for them to decide on the persons to fill the vacancies in the Animals Committee.
3. The Secretariat is pleased to notify Parties, Members of the Animals Committee and other stakeholders that the Chair of the Standing Committee and the Regional Members of the European Region of the Standing Committee decided that **Mr. Gerald Benyr (Austria)**, current alternative Representative of the European Region, will replace Ms. Dagmar Zíková as one of the two regional Representatives of the European region in the Animals Committee.
4. Further, they have decided that **Ms. Mona van Schingen-Khan (Germany)** will replace Mr. Gerald Benyr (Austria) as the alternate Representative.
5. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 18.2, Mr. Benyr and Ms. van Schingen-Khan will fill the vacancies on an interim basis until the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties where the usual procedure for electing Members of the Committee will be followed in accordance with Resolution Conf. 18.2.
6. The [CITES webpage](#) has been updated with the contact details of the new Representative and new alternate Representative of the European region on the Animals Committee.