



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/012

Geneva, 31 January 2025

CONCERNING:

ANIMALS COMMITTEE

Vacancy of a representative of the European region

1. Further to Notification No. 2023/105 of 24 August 2023, the Secretariat received communication that the representative of the European region on the Animals Committee, **Mr. Gerald Benyr**, has stepped down as representative.
2. Rule 1, paragraph 2 of the [Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Animals Committee](#) sets out that if a Member is not present at a meeting or session, his/her Alternate shall be entitled to represent the region as the Acting Member.
3. The Secretariat therefore confirms that **Ms. Mona van Schingen-Khan**, the alternate representative for Mr. Benyr, will represent the region as the Acting Member 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 on Establishment of committees.
4. The [CITES webpage](#) has been updated accordingly.