# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

## INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF CMS

At both the 38th meeting of the CMS Standing Committee and the10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Bergen Norway in November, 2011, Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema informed the Parties of her intention to resign for family reasons and thus step down from the position of UNEP/CMS Executive Secretary.

In light of this news, the Parties adopted Resolution 10.29 requesting the UNEP Executive Director to ensure continuity in the work of the Secretariat and to arrange for the timely recruitment of the new Executive Secretary.

The UNEP Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Amina Mohamed, in a memorandum dated 21 December 2011, informed the present Executive Secretary of UNEP's plans for the interim management of the CMS Secretariat until a new Executive Secretary is appointed.

By the said memorandum, Ms. Mohamed appointed Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema to continue to manage the UNEP/CMS Secretariat from Nairobi, in an acting capacity, together with her new functions until her successor is appointed. This arrangement will apply equally to the management of the ASCOBANS Secretariat and the Gorilla Agreement Interim Secretariat.The Deputy Executive Secretary of CMS, Mr. Bert Lenten, will manage day to day operations of the Secretariat in addition to his regular responsibilities.

In keeping with Resolution 10.29, this interim arrangement will ensure continuity of the management of the Secretariat after the departure of the UNEP/CMS Executive Secretary who will take up a new assignment as Deputy Director at the UNEP-Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI) from 9 January, 2012.

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