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Dear Committee Members,

It follows to acknowledge, the Pairings Recommendations for *Cyanopsitta spixii* sent by the Captivity Coordinator Mrs. Natasha Schischakin.

2. Usually the suggestions are done during the Captivity Workshops or during the Committee's Meetings, and all the members decide together about future pairings.

3. Considering that during the last meeting there was not a consensus, and that the Committee is in the final stage of restructuring, it will be in charge of the Committee's Presidency to analyse the suggestions of the Captivity Coordination and to decide about new pairings, taking into account the breeding season and the need to pair the birds as soon as possible.

4. The suggestions of the Captivity Coordination were accepted as follows:

1. **To pair the female #2 from Loro Parque with the male #6 from Chaparral.**
The Captivity Coordinator affirms that this pairing can be done even sending the male #6 to Tenerife as bringing the female #2 to Brazil.
It is determined that the procedure will be to bring the female #2 to Brazil.

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JUSTIFICATION:

- A) Chaparral Breeding Facilities was well succeeded in the last breeding season,
- B) A pair established in Brazil will improve the chances to synchronise the nature and captivity breeding period, what may be useful in the future for management strategies.
- C) Considering the restructuring phase of the Committee, we believe that it is not convenient, at the moment, to reduce the number of Spix's Macaws in Brazil.

2. To pair the female #43 from Mr. Messer with the male #45 from São Paulo Zoo

The Captivity Coordinator suggests that this pair be housed in Criadouro Chaparral, alleging that the facilities and the weather in São Paulo Zoo are not ideal.

The Presidency accepts this pair formation, but determines that it be housed in São Paulo Zoo, under the following conditions:

- a. São Paulo Zoo will have to build a new aviary for the birds, in an isolated area, that can be near to the site where the Lear's Macaws are being held, since the place where the Spix's Macaws are in this moment is inappropriate.
- b. To withdraw the hawks that are placed near the aviaries of the Lear's Macaws, because the predators vocalisation can cause stress in the birds.
- c. The aviary must be surrounded by a barrier that blocks the visual contact of the Spix's Macaws with other birds.

3. To pair the female # 22 from Mr. Messer with the male #44 from São Paulo Zoo

The Captivity Coordinator suggests to transfer the male from São Paulo Zoo to Switzerland. The Presidency accepts this suggestion since the female #43 from Mr. Messer be sent to São Paulo.

Considering these recommendations, we would like to solicit to Mr. Messer, Mr. Kiessling and São Paulo Zoo to make the necessary arrangements in order to obtain the export / import permits. The transferences will be as follows:

- a. 1 bird from Tenerife to Brazil
- b. 1 bird from Brazil to Switzerland
- c. 1 bird from Switzerland to Brazil

Yours Sincerely,



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