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Notice Concerning Resignation of a Director

Olympus Corporation (the "Company") hereby announces that it has received a letter of resignation from Michael C. Woodford, a director of the Company, who has officially resigned as of today.

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