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## Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments **IWC.CCG.1396**

### **Outcome of silence procedure and next steps on 2021 budget**

Circular IWC.CCG.1395 initiated a silence procedure in order to gain Commission endorsement of the proposal to postpone IWC68 until 2021, ideally September/October. The silence procedure is now complete. No objections have been received and IWC68 is therefore postponed. Provisional dates for 2021 will be circulated as soon as possible and we are working hard to ensure these do not conflict with the many other meetings that must be rescheduled.

The previous circular (IWC.CCG.1395) also proposed a process for a one-year, roll-over budget for 2021. This budget document will be circulated on 27 May 2020 to allow Contracting Governments time to consider it before a postal vote is held between 10-24 June.

All Contracting Governments are asked to pay their 2020 financial contributions as soon as possible. I repeat my previous message to you all: failure to pay contributions on time may seriously affect the Commission's cashflow and ability to continue day to day operations. Please contact [secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int) with any questions - and do your very best to stay safe and healthy.

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