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Proposal for a two-year feasibility study in Icelandic waters

(Strictly confidential until the opening plenary at IWC/55)

The Government of Iceland has asked that the following document be circulated to Commissioners and members of the Scientific Committee under the <u>strictest confidentiality</u> until the opening plenary at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Commission in Berlin:

SC/55/O2 A programme for a two-year feasibility study on cetaceans in Icelandic waters.

The proposal has been prepared by the Marine Research Institute in Reykjavik at the request of the Government of Iceland and involves a special permit catch of fin, sei and minke whales within the Icelandic EEZ. It is submitted for review by the Scientific Committee in accordance with paragraph 30 of the Schedule.

Dr. Nicky Grandy Secretary to the Commission