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Voluntary contribution to the Research Fund by Japan

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Japan has made a voluntary contribution of £36,064 to the IWC Research Fund.

This represents the surplus remaining from the IWC funds forwarded to Japan for the 54th Annual Meeting in Shimonoseki in 2002. Japan understands that there is no requirement to return unspent funds but has decided that it would like to do so as a voluntary contribution to the IWC Southern Ocean Whales and Ecosystem Research (SOWER) programme.

Dr. Nicky Grandy Secretary to the Commission