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Voluntary contribution from Australia

Please find attached a letter from Donna Petrachenko, Australia's Commissioner to IWC, regarding a voluntary contribution of AUD \$1.5 million that the Government of Australia intends to make to support the activities of IWC in the following areas: (1) Conservation Management Plans; (2) the Southern Ocean Research Partnership; and (3) small cetacean conservation research.

You will note from Ms Petrachenko's letter that Australia intends *inter alia* to seek formal approval at IWC/61 to establish three new funds to support these activities and to work with the Secretariat and the Commission to formalise a process by which the funds are managed. It would therefore seem appropriate to initiate discussions on these aspects during the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee on Thursday 18 June.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission