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Earth Negotiations Bulletin: funding sought for IWC68 attendance

The Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) is a non-profit, independent reporting service which provides neutral and timely coverage of international negotiation processes concerning the environment, development and related issues.

ENB has covered over 30 different negotiating processes since 1993 including many UN fora. As you may recall, they reported on the last two IWC meetings, and played an important role in IWC efforts to increase transparency and raise awareness of the Commission and its work.

Unlike many organisations in their portfolio, the IWC has never funded ENB. On both previous occasions they managed to identify sponsors to cover the costs of attending our meetings. In the current financial climate that has proved particularly challenging.

This Circular raises awareness of that challenge and invites Contracting Governments and observer organisations to consider whether they might be able to make a contribution in support of ENBs attendance.

We appreciate that these are difficult times for all but without support, ENB will not be able to attend IWC68, and we wanted everyone to be aware of the situation. Please contact secretariat@iwc.int if you might be able to help or would like more details.

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