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**Invitation from Australia to a Planning Workshop for the Southern Ocean
Regional Non-Lethal Research Partnership, March 2009**

Please find attached a letter from Donna Petrachenko, Australia's Commissioner to IWC, regarding a Planning Workshop for the Southern Ocean Regional Non-Lethal Research Partnership that will be held in Sydney, Australia from 23 to 26 March 2009. Ms Petrachenko has requested that her letter be circulated to all members of the Scientific Committee and to Commissioners and Contracting Governments of IWC.

As you will see from the letter, the Australian Government is extending an invitation to the workshop to interested participants from the Scientific Committee and Commission. Further information is provided in the letter. **Please note that those interested in attending should notify the organisers (not the IWC Secretariat) of their intention to attend by 31 January 2009.**

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Secretary to the Commission