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**Voluntary Contribution from the Government of Australia**

I am pleased to report that the Commission received a voluntary contribution of AUD \$30,000 from the Government of Australia on the 13 February 2012.

The funds are to be used to support the upcoming Symposium and Workshop on '*Living Whales in the Southern Ocean: Advances in methods for non-lethal cetacean research*'. The Symposium and Workshop will be held in Puerto Varas, Chile from 27-29 March 2012. Details of the event were circulated through Communication IWC.ALL.171 of 14 November and further information can be obtained from Debi Steel (Symposium Coordinator) at [debbie.steel@oregonstate.edu](mailto:debbie.steel@oregonstate.edu)

The voluntary contribution is to be used to support the running of the symposium, and in particular to support the attendance of invited speakers from developing countries.

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