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From the Secretary

On this, my final day as Secretary to the Commission, I should like to thank you all for the superb gift of the whaling print presented to me at the close of the Annual Meeting in Adelaide.

This will be a lasting and happy reminder of my involvement in the work of the IWC over the years. I also much appreciate the many kind words offered on my retirement. It has been a real privilege for me to get to know so many Commissioners and delegates as friends as well as colleagues.

I wish you all well in the coming years, and you may be sure that I shall follow the fortunes of the Commission with keen but more distant interest.

For your information, one of my final acts as Secretary was to sign, on 26 July 2000, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariats of IWC and CMS, together with Arnulf Müller-Helmbrecht. This was presented as Paper IWC/52/17 at our Annual Meeting in Adelaide.

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Secretary to the Commission