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Withdrawal of Venezuela from the Convention

We have just been informed by the U.S. State Department, via the Embassy in London, of a notification by Venezuela dated 18 February 1998, giving notice of its withdrawal from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling of 2 December 1946. Venezuela's letter was apparently lost in the Department of State for over 2 years, but is deemed to have been deposited on 22 February 1998. In accordance with Article XI of the Convention, the effective date of Venezuela's withdrawal was 30 June 1999.

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