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**Communications with the Secretariat**

At IWC/52 in Adelaide, the Secretary requested advice on the need to submit hard copies of IWC-related communications to Commissioners and Contracting Governments as a follow-up to e-mail and fax transmissions. Currently all standard communications are by either e-mail or fax, with a hard copy following in the post.

In response to the Secretary's request for advice, the Commission agreed in Adelaide that, to the extent possible, the Secretariat should communicate with Commissioners and Contracting Governments by the best electronic means available (e-mail for fax), and should only provide hard copies to those governments requesting them.

Table 1 indicates the way we currently communicate with each country. It also provides contact details for Commissioners, Contracting Governments and others to whom circulars are sent for information. To make sure that the information we have is up-to-date and to help us be as efficient as possible in communicating with you, I would be grateful if you could:

1. Check that the contact details (addressee/address/phone/fax/e-mail) for your country are correct, and inform us of any necessary revisions;
2. Indicate whether in future you would like to receive communications by e-mail or by fax, and whether, in addition, you would also like to receive a hard copy or copies by post. Please note that for the last 2-3 years, all communication with Scientific Committee members has been done via by e-mail only resulting in significant time and cost savings.

I would be grateful to receive your responses by **6 October 2000**.

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Secretary to the Commission