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Interest in serving on the Budgetary Sub-Committee

I am writing to enquire whether your country is interested in serving on the Budgetary Sub-Committee.

As you will recall, the idea of establishing a Budgetary Sub-Committee on a trial basis was discussed and agreed at IWC/51 in Grenada. The intention was that this sub-committee should be made up of a small number of members to review income and expenditures and proposed budgets thereby expediting the work of the full F&A Committee. Japan was appointed Chair of the Budgetary Sub-Committee with Australia, Norway, Oman and the Secretariat as the other members.

The sub-committee met for the first time in Adelaide this year, and although it perhaps did not meet its potential, the Advisory Committee believes that it should be continued for another year at least. However, in response to criticisms made in Adelaide concerning the sub-committee's limited composition, the Advisory Committee also believes that other countries interested in taking part should be allowed to do so.

I would be grateful therefore if you could let me know if your country would like to participate in the work of the Budgetary Sub-Committee. In considering this, please bear in mind that (1) the original concept was not merely to add another layer to the financial process but that initial review by a small group should help to streamline procedures; (2) any nominated representative must be comfortable with financial matters and (3) that the sub-committee is expected to complete nearly all its work intersessionally. A meeting of the sub-committee is scheduled for IWC/53 in London next year, but this will merely be to allow for any necessary updating of figures and finalisation of the sub-committee's report to the F&A Committee.

If you would like to nominate a representative for the Budgetary Sub-Committee, please complete the form attached and return it to me by 1st December 2000.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

Nominations to the IWC Budgetary Sub-Committee

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