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Report of the intersessional meeting of the RMS Working Group

Please find attached the final report of the intersessional meeting of the Revised Management Scheme (RMS) Working Group that took place in Monaco from 6th-8th February 2001.

With respect to follow-up to this meeting and preparations for discussions at IWC/53 in London in July this year, please note that the Working Group agreed to the following actions:

- The Working Group agreed that the Secretariat's 'Proposed Revisions Needed to Incorporate the RMP and RMS into the Schedule', i.e. Document 2 from the RMS intersessional meeting, provided a good basis on which a Schedule amendment could be prepared. Contracting Governments wishing to comment further on should send their comments in writing to the Secretariat by **1st April 2001** at the latest. *Note that Document 2 was circulated to you on 29th November 1999 (IWC.CCG.139).*
- The Secretariat will then develop a revised draft Schedule that incorporates comments made at the RMS intersessional and in writing, and will circulate this to Contracting Governments in **mid May**. This draft will be the basis for discussions at the RMS Working Group meeting in London and will indicate clearly where changes are proposed, and the source of revised text (e.g. country proposals, Resolutions).

The Working Group also agreed that in producing a revised text for discussion in July, the Secretariat should streamline the current Schedule text to remove redundancies that have crept in over the years.

A 1½ day meeting of the RMS Working Group is scheduled for 18th-19th July (see Circular Communication IWC.ALL.35).

I look forward to receiving any written comments on Document 2 by **1st April** and to working with you at IWC/53 in London in July. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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