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**Instructions for Opening Statements at IWC/53, London, July 2001**

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.154, I would like to remind you of the arrangements for the submission of Opening Statements for the forthcoming Annual Meeting. As described in my earlier circular, the Secretariat intends to set a firm deadline for all Opening Statements. **This will be 17.00 on the first day of the Annual Meeting, i.e. Monday 23 July.** The 'statements' will be collated and copied together, rather than copying and distributing them individually. If Opening Statements are not with the Secretariat by this time, then the Secretariat will not copy and distribute them as formal meeting documents.

Please submit Opening Statements as an electronic or good top paper copy. Electronic submission on diskette, CD or by email is the preferred option.

The arrangements described above do not, of course, preclude Commissioners from having statements addressing particular issues distributed as meeting documents.

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