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**Documents for the RMS Working Group Meeting at IWC/53**

Please find attached the following documents for the Revised Management Scheme (RMS) Working Group meeting in London in July:

- IWC/53/RMS 1 - Comments and Proposals Relating to Revision of the Schedule
- IWC/53/RMS 2 - Revised Text of Chapter V, Supervision and Control, from the Intersessional RMS Meeting (Monaco, February 2001) Annotated with Comments Received
- IWC/53/RMS 3 - RMS Intersessional Meeting Document 2: *'Proposed Revisions Needed to Incorporate the RMP and RMS into the Schedule'*, Annotated with Comments Received

Document IWC/53/RMS/1 collates the comments submitted by Contracting Governments on Document 2 from the RMS intersessional meeting, i.e. 'Proposed Revisions Needed to Incorporate the RMP and RMS into the Schedule'. Document 2 was prepared by the Secretariat as instructed by Resolution 2000-3. As only limited time was available in Monaco to discuss Document 2, it was agreed that written submissions should be received by the Secretary no later than 1 April 2001. Some Contracting Governments also submitted comments on the report of the Monaco meeting (on the revised text of Chapter V), and these are also included in Document IWC/53/RMS 1.

Documents IWC/53/RMS 2 and 3 have been prepared to facilitate further discussions on revision of Chapter V and the incorporation of the RMP and RMS into the Schedule.

In Monaco, the Working Group agreed that Document 2, *'Proposed Revisions Needed to Incorporate the RMP and RMS into the Schedule'*, provided a good basis on which a Schedule amendment could be prepared, and that the Secretariat should develop a revised draft, taking account of comments received, for circulation to Contracting Governments in mid May. The Working Group further agreed that in preparing a revised draft, it should streamline the current Schedule text to remove redundancies that have crept in over the years. This draft document will be circulated next week as IWC/53/RMS 4. I apologise for the slight delay in getting this document to you.

The meeting of the RMS Working Group will be held on 18-19 July in London. A draft agenda will follow shortly.