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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS  
IWC.CCG.193

**Letter from Germany regarding Iceland's adherence to the Convention**

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.188, please find attached a letter from the German Commissioner to the IWC that I have been asked to circulate to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and Observers.

As indicated in my earlier Circular, Bo Fernholm will raise the matter of Iceland's adherence to the Convention at the private Commissioners' meeting on Sunday 22 July. The private Commissioners' meeting will start at 14.00.

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### **International Whaling Commission: Notification of Accession of Iceland**

Dear Dr Grandy,

Thank you for sending details of the deposit by Iceland of its instrument of adherence to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling and the Protocol to the Convention (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.181 refers).

Germany notes the instrument's statement that Iceland adheres to the Convention and Protocol with a reservation with respect to paragraph 10 (e) of the Schedule attached to the Convention and that Iceland maintains that the reservation forms an integral part of the instrument.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany wishes to register formally that this reservation is not acceptable to Germany. Paragraph 10(e) to which Iceland has entered a reservation relates to the moratorium on commercial whaling which we consider to be a fundamental and longstanding aspect of the regime for management of whaling and one which the majority of IWC members supported when the measure was adopted in 1982. Therefore Germany does not accept Iceland's reservation.

I would be grateful if this communication could be circulated to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and Observers.

Yours sincerely  
For the Minister

Peter Bradhering