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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
IWC.CCG.199

Corrigendum to IWC.CCG.195 - Letter from Norway regarding Iceland's adherence to the Convention

I attach a revised copy of the above letter in which the third paragraph now reads:

‘As a number of Member Governments have announced that they do not accept Iceland’s reservation, Norway wishes to welcome Iceland’s adherence to the Convention, noting that the reservation is fully compatible with the object and purpose of the Convention. It should furthermore be noted that, in terms of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, article 20, no. 3, acceptance of the reservation from the IWC is not necessary, as Schedule para 10 (e) is not “a constituent instrument” of the IWC.’

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission



**NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO THE 53ND
MEETING OF THE IWC**

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Inquiries to

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Dear Dr. Grandy,

Reference is made to Circular Communications to Commissioners and Contracting Governments of viz. 26 June 2001 (IWC.CCG.181), 13 July 2001 (IWC.CCG.188) and 14 July 2001 (IWC.CCG.192), dealing with Iceland's adherence to the Convention.

It has been noted that Iceland's instrument of adherence includes a reservation with respect to para. 10 (e) of the Schedule to the Convention.

As a number of Member Governments have announced that they do not accept Iceland's reservation, Norway wishes to welcome Iceland's adherence to the Convention, noting that the reservation is fully compatible with the object and purpose of the Convention. It should furthermore be noted that, in terms of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, article 20, no. 3, acceptance of the reservation from the IWC is not necessary, as Schedule para 10 (e) is not "a constituent instrument" of the IWC.

Norway would be grateful if this communication could be circulated to Commissioners and Contracting Governments.

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner for Norway to the IWC