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Chair's Report of the 53rd Annual Meeting

Please find attached the Chair's Report of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Commission held in London, UK from 23-27 July 2001. This report has been authorised by Bo Fernholm, Chair of the Commission.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the following Resolutions adopted in London that call broadly for action by all Contracting Governments:

- 2001-1: Resolution on Transparency within the International Whaling Commission;
- 2001-2: Resolution on Whale Killing Methods;
- 2001-4: Resolution on the Incidental Capture of Cetaceans;
- 2001-10: Resolution on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
- 2001-11: Resolution on the Importance of Habitat Protection and Integrated Coastal Zone Management;
- 2001-13: Resolution on Small Cetaceans.

For the first time, the reports of the Commission's sub-groups have been included as Annexes to the Chair's Report. This has been done since much of the primary discussion of important issues take place in these groups that is not reported in detail in the Chair's Report.

For those receiving this Circular via email, please note that the report has been divided into two files - one containing the main body of the report, the other containing all the Annexes.

The Chair's Report will shortly be made available on IWC's web site (www.iwcoffice.org). As usual, copies of the published version will be provided to delegates at IWC/54 in Shimonoseki.

Indexed CDs containing the Verbatim Record of the 53rd Annual Meeting will be available shortly. You will be notified once they are ready, and copies will be provided on request.

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c.c. Non-member Government Observers (for information)