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**Feedback on Secretary's Report**

Subsequent to Circular IWC.CCG.238 of 5 April 2002 enclosing the Secretary's Report for the Year 2000-2001, I have received a request from one Contracting Government not to publish this document at the present time in view of the short time given for review and because of problems with the content of the report.

For these reasons the Secretary's Report will not be published as initially foreseen, although item 23 of the Commission's agenda will provide the opportunity for governments to provide feedback and to discuss possible publication (e.g. of a revised version) at a future date.

Two Contracting Governments provided comments on the Secretary's Report by the date given in my earlier Circular. However, since publication of the report has been postponed, any Contracting Government that would still like to submit written comments is welcome to do so. **I would be grateful if you could send these by Monday 13 May.** Written comments will be collated and distributed as background to the discussions under agenda item 23. Of course, Governments will also have the opportunity to comment orally at the meeting as usual.

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