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Annotated Provisional Agenda and Finance Documents 50th Annual Meeting, Muscat, Oman, 16-20 May 1998

- A. In accordance with Rule H.2(d)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Secretary encloses with the postal copy of this communication the Annotated Provisional Agenda for the 50th Annual Meeting of the Commission to be held in Muscat, Oman, 16-20 May 1998 (Paper IWC/50/2).

This is based on the Draft Agenda distributed in a Circular Communication dated 5 February 1998 (ref: RG/JAC/27062 - IWC.CCG.14). Additional items and comments have been provided by:

Norway	Agenda item 9.1.2
Japan	Agenda items 5 and 21.1
USA	Agenda items 2, 8, 18 and 21.2
UK	Agenda item 8.1.4

The UK has also asked that Commissioners be reminded that under the terms of IWC Resolution 1997-1 on improving the humaneness of aboriginal whaling, Contracting Governments are requested to provide the IWC with relevant data to be discussed at the Humane Killing Working Group in Oman. In view of the short time since the last meeting countries may have only limited information available but even so it would be useful for Commissioners to make available any data they do have.

- B. In accordance with Rule D.2 of the Commission's Financial Regulations, the Secretary encloses with the postal copy of this communication:

IWC/50/8A	Provisional Financial Statement 1997/98
IWC/50/8B	Provisional Estimate and Financial Contributions 1998/99 and 1999 and 2000

- C. The following Annual Meeting document is also enclosed with the postal copy of this communication:

IWC/50/15	Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Procedure
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Any additional documents will be distributed as they become available.

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Secretary to the Commission