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Proposed Additions to the Annotated Provisional Agenda

The Secretary refers to the Circular Communication dated 4 May 2000 (ref. – IWC.CCG.104 – RG/JAC/27793) transmitting the **Annotated Provisional Agenda** in accordance with Rule of Procedure H.2.(d) (ii).

A letter dated 5 May 2000 has been received from the Government of Japan proposing the inclusion in the Agenda of an amendment to the Rules of Procedure and three amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946 as shown in the attachment. A strict application of Rules of Procedure H.2.(d) (ii). and J.1 would mean that this material arrived too late to be included in the Agenda for the Annual Meeting which commences on 3 July 2000.

However, the Government of Japan has explained that the late submission of this material, which it very much regrets, was an inadvertent consequence of the Golden Week holiday in Japan. Therefore, in the circumstances, the Chairman of the Commission proposes on this occasion that these items should be added to the Agenda. However, the final decision on such additions will be taken by the Commission when it adopts the Agenda (under item 4) at the Annual Meeting in Adelaide.

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