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**Virtual Meeting of the Working Group on Operational Effectiveness (WG-OE)**

At IWC68 the Working Group on Operational Effectiveness was tasked with developing "*a proposal that addresses quorum, Rule of Procedure B.1, to be discussed as the first item of business at IWC69...*" In Autumn 2023, the WG-OE received a paper outlining how some intergovernmental organizations approach quorum and many provided views on that summary. Those documents have been made available to the members of the WG-OE.

On **13 March, 18:00-20:00 UTC**, the WG-OE will hold a virtual meeting to discuss these approaches and determine what type of proposal on Quorum should be presented to IWC69. If Members are not able to attend and prefer to provide written comments, please provide them to [wgoe-co-chair@iwc.int](mailto:wgoe-co-chair@iwc.int).

The WG-OE remains open for all member governments and accredited observers to participate. Please let the [Secretariat](#) and [Co-Chairs](#) know by **12 March 2024** if you would like to join the WG-OE and participate in this meeting and gain access to the above documents.

Please note that thanks to generous voluntary contributions, simultaneous translation will be available for this virtual meeting of the WG-OE.

Future virtual meetings of the WG-OE will discuss the other taskings.

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