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IWC69 Voluntary Funds Event

I am pleased to invite all IWC69 attendees to an evening event that will focus on the role played by the IWC voluntary funds. There are currently six voluntary funds, and they support work on a variety of important IWC programmes and initiatives. These range from Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling to multinational scientific research in the Southern Ocean, and from small cetacean conservation to supporting participation at IWC meetings for governments of limited means.

Voluntary funds can only be assigned to programmes that have already received the Commission's full consideration and endorsement and each fund performs a valuable role in delivering on the objectives and recommendations of the IWC.

This is an informal evening event. It will include a few words about each voluntary fund and an opportunity to meet and chat to those who manage and support the funds. Drinks and canapés will be provided and there will be an opportunity to learn how to benefit from and contribute to the funds.

I hope to see you there

Martha Rojas Urrego
Executive Secretary