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Letter from the Chair on JARPAII Review at 2014 Scientific Committee Meeting

The Judgement of the International Court of Justice has led to questions regarding the status of existing JARPA II research. Unfortunately, the timing of events means it has not been possible for the full Commission to debate how the Scientific Committee should handle JARPA II material. The Commission will of course discuss the issue in September, but the Scientific Committee's meeting will commence on Monday 12 May 2014.

Australia and Japan have interpreted the implications of the Court's Judgement for JARPA II research differently. It has not been possible to reconcile these interpretations and I have no option but to take a Chair's decision on how the Scientific Committee should proceed at this time.

The attached letter is addressed to the Chair of the Scientific Committee and gives instruction on the handling of JARPAII related material at this year's Scientific Committee meeting. I very much hope this will allow the Scientific Committee to retain their excellent and invaluable focus, and I wish to assure all Contracting Governments that the full Commission will revisit the issue in September.

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