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**Government of Japan: New Scientific Whale Research Program
in the Antarctic Ocean (NEWREP-A)**

The Government of Japan has submitted the attached document in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 30 of the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946).

Japan has requested that the Secretariat circulate the NEWREP-A proposal to all IWC Commissioners and Contracting Governments for their comments.

Japan has informed the Secretariat that it would welcome any comments from IWC Member countries which could be provided to Japan directly or through the Secretariat.

The document is also submitted in accordance with the initial requirement of the IWC Scientific Committee's process for reviewing Special Permit proposals. This process, referred to as Annex P, requests that new proposals are received 6 months prior to the next annual meeting of the Scientific Committee.

The Scientific Committee will now commence its review as described through Annex P.

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Executive Secretary

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