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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
IWC.CCG.279

**Special Meeting of the Commission and the RMS intersessional:
Opening Statements and Meeting Documents**

Opening Statements at the Special Meeting

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.278 of 8 October, I would be very grateful if Contracting Governments intending to submit written Opening Statements could either send them to the Secretariat next week (preferably by email) or hand them in to the Secretariat during registration on Sunday 13 October. We will then be able to get them copied and made available for the beginning of the Special Meeting on Monday 14 October.

Documents for both the Special Meeting and RMS intersessional

I would be grateful if delegates could bring with them to the meeting, copies of documents circulated in advance. A list of pre-circulated documents is attached.

Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

**5th Special Meeting of the International Whaling Commission
14 October 2002, Cambridge, UK starting at 10.00**

LIST OF DOCUMENTS
(as of 7 October 2002)

IWC/SPEC.02/1	Annotated Provisional Agenda
IWC/SPEC.02/3	Proposed Schedule amendment to paragraph 13.(b).(1) of the Schedule (<i>submitted jointly by the USA and the Russian Federation</i>)

**RMS Intersessional Commissioners' Meeting
14-17 October 2002, Cambridge, UK**

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(as of 7 October 2002)

IWC/O2/1	Annotated Draft Agenda
IWC/O2/3	List of documents
IWC/O2/4	The Revised Management Scheme: where we are now and how we might make progress (prepared by the RMS Working Group Chair and the Secretariat) [CONFIDENTIAL – TO COMMISSIONERS ONLY]

Background Documents

Documents proposed by the Commission at IWC/54 to be carried forward:

IWC/54/RMS 2	The possible structure and content of a revised Schedule based on discussions to date
IWC/54/34	Schedule amendment to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling Completing the Revised Management Scheme
IWC/54/35 & erratum	Proposed Schedule amendment for adoption of the RMS
IWC/54/53	Completion of the Revised Management Scheme
IWC/54/61	Proposed Terms of Reference for an Intersessional Workshop [Meeting] on the RMS

Other useful documents:

IWC/54/RMS 1	Report of the Revised Management Scheme Expert Drafting Group
IWC/54/7	Report of the Revised Management Scheme Working Group