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Monaco's objection to Iceland's reservation to the ICRW

The Ministry of State of Monaco has requested that the attached Note Verbale regarding Monaco's objection to Iceland's reservation to the ICRW be circulated to all Contracting Governments. The Note Verbale was sent to the Depository for the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling on 13 February 2003. An English translation of Monaco's Note Verbale is included.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

English translation of the Note Verbale issued (on 13 February 2003) by the
Direction of External Relations, Ministry of State, Monaco to the
Department of State of the United States of America

The Direction of External Relations of the Principality of Monaco presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States of America, and has the honour to refer to its note verbale of 3 December 2002 concerning the adherence of Iceland to the International Whaling Convention and brings to its attention the following.

The Government of Monaco notes that Iceland's instrument of adhesion contains a reservation with regard to paragraph 10(e) of the Annex to the aforesaid Convention.

The Government of Monaco considers that paragraph 10(e) of the Annex is one of the elements fundamental to the application of the Convention of the International Whaling Commission and, therefore, the Principality of Monaco opposes the reservation made by Iceland.

The Direction of External Relations of the Principality of Monaco would be grateful if the Department of State of the United States of America could, as depository of the aforesaid Convention, inform the Parties of this objection.

The Direction of External Relations of the Principality of Monaco takes the opportunity to renew to the Consulate General of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.