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Chair's Report of the 55th Annual Meeting

Please find attached the Chair's Report of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Commission held in Berlin, Germany, from 16-19 June 2003. This report has been authorised by Bo Fernholm who was Chairman of the Commission at the time of the meeting.

The reports of the Commission's sub-groups have been included as Annexes as has the report of the Workshop on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues.

For those receiving this Circular via email, please note that the report has been divided into the following files:

- Chair's Report
- Annexes A-N

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The Chair's Report will shortly be made available on IWC's website (www.iwcoffice.org). As usual, copies of the published version will be provided to delegates at IWC/56 in Sorrento.

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