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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
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Provisional Annotated Agenda for IWC/56 and Other Documents

Please find attached the following agenda and documents for IWC/56:

Agenda:

- Annotated Provisional Agenda
- Revised Draft Agenda for the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
- Revised Draft Agenda for the Infractions Sub-committee
- Revised Draft Agenda for the Conservation Committee
- Revised Draft Agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee

Documents:

- IWC/56/1: Draft List of Documents
- IWC/56/14: Financial Statements

The draft agenda for the Plenary, the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee, the Infractions Sub-committee, the Conservation Committee and Document IWC/56/14 will be available shortly from IWC's website (www.iwcoffice.org). You will receive instructions on how to access them once they are posted.

As agreed by the Commission at IWC/53, the agenda and documents for the Finance and Administration Committee and its sub-groups will not be made available via the web site.

You will be notified as soon as other documents become available. Please note that Contracting Governments are encouraged to submit documents for the meetings of the Commission and its sub-groups by **7 June** (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.385). Unless marked as confidential, all documents (except F&A Committee documents and any for the private Commissioners' meeting on the RMS) will be posted on the website.

Finally I would like to remind you that Opening Statements must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 17.00 on the first day of the plenary meeting, i.e. Monday 19th July. The Secretariat will adhere strictly to this deadline. Please see Circular Communication IWC.CCG.385 for further guidance on Opening Statements.

I look forward to seeing you in Sorrento.

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Secretary to the Commission