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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
IWC.CCG.433

Dates and venue for the meetings of the RMS Working Group and Small Drafting Group

I am pleased to inform you that the Governments of Sweden and the Netherlands have kindly offered to co-host the first meetings of the Revised Management Scheme (RMS) Working Group and Small Drafting Group (SDG) called for by Resolution 2004-6 adopted recently at IWC/56.

The venue for both meetings will be the Strand Hotel, Borgholm on the island of Öland, Sweden in the Baltic Sea. The Working Group meeting will be held from Monday 29 November to lunchtime on Wednesday 1 December 2004. The SDG will meet from the afternoon of Wednesday 1 December to Friday 3 December (the Friday being a full working day).

The nearest airport to Borgholm is Kalmar (Sweden). There are regular flights to Kalmar from Copenhagen and Stockholm. Direct trains also run from both Stockholm airport and Copenhagen airport to Kalmar. From Kalmar, it is necessary to take a bus reach Borgholm. Further information on travel and accommodation will be sent separately.

Finally, to help our preparations, it would be extremely useful to know how many Contracting Governments intend to participate in the Working Group meeting, and the numbers that there will be on each delegation. **I would be grateful therefore if the attached form could be completed and returned to the Secretariat as soon as possible but by 20 October 2004.**

Space at the venue is restricted and I would therefore encourage Governments to try to limit the size of their delegations. A smaller meeting will also be conducive to discussions.

[Note participation in the SDG is being dealt with separately from the RMS Working Group Meeting. Circular Communication IWC.CCG.427 of 23 August invited Contracting Governments to indicate their interest in participating in the SDG. Expressions of interest were due 27 September. If your government wishes to join the SDG but has not yet responded, please could you do so as soon as possible.]

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

Meeting of the RMS Working Group, Borgholm, Sweden
29 November to 1 December 2004

<u>INTENTION TO ATTEND</u>	
Contracting Government:	
Do you intend to participate in the RMS Working Group meeting?: (Yes/No)	
Number on delegation:	
Names of delegates:	
Will you bring an interpreter? (Yes/No). If yes, please provide name	

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 20 OCTOBER 2004 TO THE SECRETARIAT
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