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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS IWC.CCG.441

<u>Amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946</u> <u>Adopted at the 56th Annual Meeting, Sorrento, Italy 19-22 July 2004</u>

I would like to inform you that in the absence of any objections, the amendments to the Schedule of the ICRW adopted at the 56th Annual Meeting and notified to you on 30 July (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.419) became effective for all Contracting Governments from <u>28 October 2004</u>. A new edition of the Schedule is enclosed. Further copies are available from the Secretariat on request and from IWC's website (www.iwcoffice.org). It will also be included in the Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2004.

In accordance with Article V paragraph 3 of the Convention requiring Contracting Governments to acknowledge receipt of notifications of Schedule amendments, acknowledgements were received from 16 Contracting Governments. No objections were lodged within 90 days from the date of notification.

Dr Nicky Grandy Secretary to the Commission