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**Letter from the Commissioner for St. Kitts and Nevis**

The Honourable Cedric Liburd, Commissioner for St Kitts and Nevis, has requested that the attached letter be circulated to all Commissioners and Contracting Governments.

Dr Nicky Grandy  
Secretary to the Commission

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Dr. Nicky Grandy**  
**Secretary**  
**International Whaling Commission**  
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**Dear Dr. Grandy:**

At the outset, I would like to express my appreciation to you and all of your staff and convey my best wishes for a good new year.

As you are aware, earlier problems with the Marriott hotel related to the hosting of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting have been resolved and plans are well underway to ensure a successful meeting of the Commission. Unfortunately, I must at this time inform you that the budget provided by the IWC to the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis for the hosting of this meeting is woefully inadequate since almost the total funding is required for the renting of meeting space at the venue. Notwithstanding our every effort to minimize costs and the provision by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis of an amount greater than that provided by the IWC, there remains a significant shortfall that cannot be met from our government budgets. This shortfall is primarily related to meeting security needs. I am therefore requesting an additional three hundred thousand US dollars (\$300,000.00) from the IWC or as contributions from member countries in order to cover these essential costs.

I would be grateful if you would discuss this matter on an urgent basis with the Advisory Committee and circulate a copy of this letter to all Commissioners and Contracting Governments requesting their assistance.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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**Hon. Cedric R Liburd**  
**Minister,**  
**IWC Commissioner**