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**Proposed NGO session at the  
Intersessional Meeting of the Commission on the Future of IWC,  
9-11 March 2009, FAO Headquarters, Rome**

Bill Hogarth, Chair of the Commission, has asked me to inform you that he would like, with your understanding, to provide an opportunity to NGOs to address the Commission at its Intersessional Meeting in Rome in a similar manner as was done at last year's Annual Meeting. This would mean that up to six NGOs, broadly representing the range of views would be allowed to address the meeting for up to 5 minutes each. Only one individual per organization would be allowed to speak. The 30-minute session would be scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday 10 March 2009.

If you have objections to the proposal, please let the Secretariat know by the end of business on Friday 13 February. The Chair would like the draft agenda for the meeting to be circulated to Commissioners and Contracting Governments and posted on the website on Monday 16 February.

Dr. Nicky Grandy  
Secretary to the Commission