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**Dates and venue for the SWG meeting
and possible intersessional Commission meeting in December 2009**

Further to my email of 6 August, please note that arrangements have been made to hold the next meeting of the Small Working Group on the Future of IWC (SWG) at the TradeWinds Hotel, St. Pete, Florida. This is the same location as that used for the SWG's first meeting in September last year.

The SWG meeting will start on Tuesday 8 December and finish by lunchtime on Thursday 10 December.

If it is decided that an intersessional meeting of the Commission will be required to address Greenland's proposed schedule amendment in relation to its aboriginal subsistence whaling (this matter was left open at IWC/61 in Madeira), this will be held at the same venue starting in the afternoon of Thursday 10 December and finishing on Friday 11 December.

I will be writing very shortly to members of the SWG (see list attached) to provide information on hotel booking arrangements.

I will also advise the observers regarding the timing and venue for these meetings, as both meetings will be open to observers.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

List of countries who have attended one or more meetings of the SWG

1. Antigua and Barbuda
2. Argentina
3. Australia
4. Benin
5. Brazil
6. Cambodia
7. Cameroon
8. Chile
9. China
10. Costa Rica
11. Côte d'Ivoire
12. Czech Republic
13. Denmark
14. Germany
15. Guinea, Republic of
16. France
17. Iceland
18. Italy
19. Japan
20. Korea, Republic of
21. Mexico
22. Netherlands
23. New Zealand
24. Norway
25. Palau, Republic of
26. Panama
27. Peru
28. St Kitts and Nevis
29. St Lucia
30. South Africa
31. Sweden
32. USA
33. UK