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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
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Agreement of Co-operation between the International Maritime Organization and IWC

I am pleased to inform you that the recent meeting of the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) held from 23 November to 4 December 2009 approved the proposed Agreement of Co-operation between IMO and IWC. A copy of the Agreement is attached.

The proposed Agreement was already circulated to IWC Commissioners and Contract Governments on 19 March 2008 for comment (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.682 of 31 July 2008). None were received. The proposed Agreement had also been approved by the IMO Council in July 2008 since when the privileges and facilities envisaged in the Agreement had been extended to IWC on a provisional basis pending final approval by the IMO Assembly.

Now that the Assembly has given its final approval, the Agreement will enter into force.

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