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Annual Meeting in 2011

Although there have been discussions regarding the possibility of the Commission moving to biennial meetings in the near-future, given the current status of talks on the future of IWC, it is likely that there will need to be a meeting in 2011.

Individual Contracting Governments may therefore wish to consider, prior to coming to IWC/62, whether they would be prepared to offer to host part (e.g. Scientific Committee or Commission plenary) or all of a meeting in 2011. This would greatly assist preparations should the Commission decide to hold an Annual Meeting next year. In the absence of an offer, the Secretariat would have to make appropriate arrangements.

If any Contracting Government is interested in hosting a meeting in 2011, the Secretariat would be pleased to provide further details (e.g. budget and costs).

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