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**IWC 63: Proposed Schedule Amendments, Resolutions, Recommendations under Article VI of ICRW
and Changes to Rules of Procedure**

I would like to draw attention to the changes made to IWC's Rules of Procedure on the process for agreeing Schedule Amendments, Recommendations under Article VI of the Convention, Commission Resolutions or changes to the Rules of Procedure and Rules of Debate.

The rule changes require that the full draft text of any proposed Amendment, Recommendation, Resolution or Rule change must be circulated to the Commission at least 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the matter is to be discussed.

Therefore the full draft text of both new Amendments, Recommendations, Resolutions and Rule Changes as well as those that have been submitted and discussed (but not agreed) at previous IWC meetings must be circulated in advance of IWC 63 if they are to be agreed by the Commission.

The relevant rules are J.1 and J.2 covering Schedule amendments, Recommendations under Article VI and Resolutions, and R.1 covering Rules of Procedure and Rules of Debate. These alterations were made to aid Commission decision making by ensuring that advance notice of all changes is available to all Contracting Governments.

The 60 day deadline for IWC 63 is Thursday 12 May 2011. The Secretariat requires at least 24 hours to circulate material, so please ensure all draft texts are received by the Secretariat by 17.00 Hrs GMT on Tuesday 10 May at the latest.

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