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Invitation to establish a focal point, and addition of postal addresses to the IWC website.

At IWC/63 in 2011 the Commission agreed a series of changes to its Rules of Procedure through adoption of Resolution 2011-1 on Improving the Effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission.

One of the changes was the introduction of a new Rule of Procedure (paragraph A.2), which states:

2. In addition to the Commissioner, each Contracting Government is invited to establish an additional means of communication between the Chair and Secretary of the Commission and that Government by designating an Alternate Commissioner or by creating a focal or contact point (which could be an e-mail address). The details shall be communicated to the Secretary through recognised diplomatic channels. Contact details of the Commissioner, Alternate Commissioner or the focal or contact point shall also be posted on the Commission's public web site.

Accordingly Contracting Governments are now invited to establish a Focal or Contact point if they so wish. Any Contracting Government desiring to take this step should communicate relevant details to the Secretariat.

Paragraph A.2 also requires that contact details of the Commissioner, Alternate Commissioner or Focal Point shall be posted on the Commission's public website. The website already provides a list of the names of the Commissioner for each Contracting Government through the link given below, and so the only change required is the addition of postal addresses:

<http://www.iwcoffice.org/commission/members.htm>

In order to comply with the new Rule A.2 the Secretariat will add the postal address for each Commissioner to the website at the end of February 2012. Any Contracting Government who would prefer instead that the postal address be for the Alternate Commissioner or Focal Point should notify the Secretariat prior to this date.

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