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Options for Providing Assistance to Member Governments with Limited Means

Commission Resolution 2011-1 requested the Secretary to report 100 days before the 64th Annual Meeting of the Commission on potential options for providing assistance to member governments with limited means to participate actively in the Commission's work, while retaining consistency with the Convention.

In fulfilment of this request I am pleased to circulate the attached document (reference number IWC/2012/WG-AGLM 1).

The document has previously been circulated to the Working Group for the Provision of Assistance to Governments of Limited Means (WG-AGLM). The Working Group was established through Circular Communication IWC.CCG.977 of 19 December 2011, and the group's members have returned their individual comments on the proposals contained in the document. In due course the group is expected to submit recommendations to the F&A Committee prior to the 60 day deadline.

However given the limited membership of the WG-AGLM, and also the specific request in Resolution 2011-1, I thought it appropriate to circulate the document to all Commissioners and Contracting Governments. Any further comments on the options reviewed would be most welcome.

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