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Private Meeting of Commissioners, IWC/64 Sunday 1st July 2012

As is usual practice, a Private Meeting of Commissioners will be held on the day before the beginning of the Commission plenary. The Meeting will be held in the Gran Centenario meeting room at the Convention Centre of the El Panama Hotel and will start at 11.00am. In previous years the meeting has ended around 17.00.

A draft agenda and papers for the meeting will be provided to Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners upon registration. The draft agenda will follow the format of previous years and Commissioners are encouraged to notify the Secretariat in advance of any additional items for inclusion.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss issues relevant to the management and smooth running of the Commission's 64th Annual Meeting. It will also provide an opportunity to hold private discussions on the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair to the Commission, and for that reason Commissioners are encouraged to attend if possible.

You are kindly requested to restrict participation to one Commissioner plus Alternate (and interpreter if appropriate). There will be simultaneous interpretation provided for French, Spanish and Japanese speakers.

Please register and collect your ID badge from the Secretariat before the Commissioners' meeting.

Simon Brockington Secretary to the Commission

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC