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**Call for Membership of the Working Group on Operational Effectiveness and Cost-Saving Measures**

At IWC/64 in July 2012 the Commission endorsed a recommendation from the Finance and Administration Committee to establish a Working Group to increase operational effectiveness and deliver further cost-saving measures.

Also at IWC/64 the USA agreed to provide a Chair for this group and Ms. Lisa Phelps has subsequently accepted this role. At the present time the membership of the group comprises Australia, United Kingdom and USA.

**Action Required**

This Circular is a call for membership of the Working Group. Any Contracting Government wishing to join is kindly requested to notify the Secretariat via email at [secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int). Notifications should be received by **Friday 1 March 2013** after which time the group will commence its work. The membership of the group will remain open and other Contracting Governments wishing to join at a later date will be able to do so.

In addition, all Contracting Governments are invited to provide suggestions for measures to increase operational effectiveness or cost savings so as to assist in the development of the intersessional group's priorities. Suggestions should also be received by Friday 1 March 2013.

The Working Group will deliver a series of recommendations to the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee scheduled for September/October 2014.

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c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

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