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**Call for information on whale killing methods and associated welfare issues**

This Circular invites Contracting Governments to submit information on whale killing and welfare statistics to the Secretariat by **Friday 7 June 2013**.

Previous information submitted in this way was made available to the annual meetings of the Working Group on Whale Killing Methods. In 2012 the Commission decided to move to biennial meetings and so the Working Group will not meet in 2013. However the Secretariat would like to encourage the continued submission of data on an annual basis.

The Secretariat has developed a Summary Reporting Form which Contracting Governments may wish to use to guide their responses (Annex 1). Completion of this form is not compulsory nor is it intended to replace the submission of detailed reports where appropriate. The form is based upon relevant Commission Resolutions (1997-1, 1999-1, 2001-2 and 2004-3) and the revised action plan on whale killing methods developed at an IWC workshop in 2003.

Contracting Governments may also wish to use the form to provide information on times to death and methods used to euthanize stranded or trapped whales.

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c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

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