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Welfare Working Group: Call for Membership

At IWC64 in 2012 the Commission endorsed a request from the Working Group on Whale Killing Methods & Associated Welfare Issues (WG-WKM&AWI) to establish an ad-hoc intersessional working group¹.

The purpose of the group will be to:

- (1) Review the terms of reference for the Working Group on WKM&AWI, as well as its existing Action Plan to see if they need update or revision and to make recommendations to the Commission accordingly; and
- (2) To identify important issues for the promotion of good animal welfare, and to agree a timetable of technical workshops on these issues.

Following the Commission's endorsement of the request, the Chair of the WG-WKM&AWI has asked the Secretariat to circulate a call for members for the ad-hoc intersessional group. This will allow the ad-hoc group to make its first report to IWC65 in September 2014.

Any Contracting Government wishing to join the group should notify the Secretariat at secretariat@iwc.int by Friday 11th April 2014. A list of members will be circulated after this date.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

¹ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2012, Section 11.4.1, page 35.