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**Government of Japan: Finalised documents for New Scientific Whale Research Program in
the Antarctic Ocean (NEWREP-A)**

The Government of Japan has requested circulation of two attached documents. These are the final version of the NEWREP-A programme and a separate summary statement regarding the outcome of the further work for NEWREP-A agreed at the Scientific Committee's 2015 meeting (SC66a).

In addition, The Government of Japan has provided a covering letter which is also attached. This letter explains that it has reached a decision to commence NEWREP-A from this austral summer.

Accordingly, the Government of Japan will notify the IWC when the special permits are issued.

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