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Members of the Scientific Committee  
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**Government of Japan: New Scientific Whale Research Programme in the North Pacific Ocean  
(NEWREP-NP)**

The Government of Japan has submitted the attached document in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 30 of the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946).

Japan has requested that the Secretariat circulate the NEWREP-NP proposal to IWC Commissioners and Contracting Governments for their comments. Any comments can be provided directly to Japan, or sent through the Secretariat.

This document is also submitted in accordance with the initial requirement of the IWC Scientific Committee's process for reviewing special permits. It includes a completed self-assessment checklist as required through Annex 1 of the Committee's review process (referred as Annex P). The Chair of the Scientific Committee will now commence proceedings for the review.

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Executive Secretary

*C.C. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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