



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and  
Members of the Scientific Committee  
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**Updated Rules of Procedure including changes adopted at IWC66 in October 2016**

Please find attached the Commission's revised Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Committee which incorporate changes adopted at IWC66 in October 2016.

The following changes were agreed:

- The establishment of a process for providing financial support to Governments of limited means to participate in the work of the Commission following adoption of Resolution 2016-6; and
- A series of changes to Commission procedures following adoption of the report and recommendations from the Working Group on Operational Effectiveness and Cost Savings Measures (see documents IWC/66/F&A 07 and IWC/66/Rep02); and
- A series of changes to Scientific Committee procedures following the Commission's review of changes proposed by the Scientific Committee (see document IWC/66/Rep01 (2015) Annex R as presented through IWC/66/F&A 11); and
- A clarification to the Scientific Committee's rules of procedure on invited participants following adoption of IWC/66/F&A 12).

The changes are shown in the attached document in ***bold italic*** type.

The revised Rules of Procedure are also available through the Commission's website at: <https://iwc.int/convention>

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