



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
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Enhancing the Effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission

At IWC66, the Commission adopted consensus Resolution 2016-1 on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission.

The Commission will take forward the work outlined in the Resolution through a comprehensive, independent review of its institutional and governance arrangements. To achieve this, the Commission established a Steering Group of Contracting Governments to oversee the review in the intersessional period.

The membership of the Steering Group remains open and at present consists of Australia, Costa Rica, Iceland, India, Japan, Monaco, Switzerland and the USA.

The Steering Group, in consultation with the Commission's Chair (Japan) and Vice-chair (Slovenia), will use a limited tender application process to select a panel of three independent reviewers to undertake the review.

The full text of Resolution 2016-1, including its Annex which gives Terms of Reference for the review, is available at <https://archive.iwc.int/?r=6373>

This Circular Communication requests:

- 1 Any additional Contracting Governments who would like to serve on the Steering Group to make their interest known to the Secretariat; and
- 2 Contracting Governments to provide the Secretariat with contact details of consultants who may be interested to participate in the limited tender round.

All responses should be provided to secretariat@iwc.int by 31 December 2016, after which time the Steering Group will proceed with the limited tender round as requested by Resolution 2016-1.

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