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**Withdrawal of Guatemala from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling**

The Republic of Guatemala has given notice of its decision to withdraw from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) effective from June 30, 2017.

The decision (attached) was notified to the United States of America as the depositary Government for the Convention. The USA will provide a diplomatic note to the Embassies of the Convention Parties in due course, and will also update the status of the Convention document to reflect the notification.

The status of the Convention document is available here:

<https://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/depositary/index.htm#FISHERIES>

Guatemala retains its membership and voting rights until 30 June 2017.

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Executive Secretary

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