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**Dates for the Commission's 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

At IWC66, the Commission was pleased to receive an offer from the Government of Brazil to host IWC67 in 2018. For a variety of reasons, establishing mutually workable dates has proved challenging and over the past few months the Government of Brazil, the Secretariat and the IWC Bureau have worked hard to meet the requirements of all Contracting Governments. I am now pleased to confirm that this has been achieved and I would like to thank the Government of Brazil for their flexibility and commitment to a successful outcome.

The attached Note Verbale indicates Brazil's offer to host the meeting from 3-14 September 2018. The Bureau has advised that these dates are at a similar time of year to that used for IWC meetings in 2014 and 2016 and are therefore likely to be acceptable to the Commission's membership.

The Bureau will confirm the precise timings within this date range, including the dates for Sub-committee meetings and the duration of the Commission plenary session after it meets again in September 2017.

Initial proposals for the location include the City of Florianopolis in the State of Santa Catarina, but this venue, and the conference centre itself, remain subject to confirmation. In the meantime, Contracting Governments and Accredited Observers should note the dates (3-14 September 2018) as these are now fixed.

Simon Brockington  
Executive Secretary

*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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