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**Minutes of the Bureau Meeting, September 2017
and paper explaining the IWC financial situation**

The minutes of the IWC Bureau Meeting (Japan, 5-7 September) are attached to this Circular. At that meeting, the Bureau received papers from the Secretariat which highlighted and analysed the financial position of the IWC. Members of the Bureau discussed this issue at length and devised a way forward, agreeing that all Contracting Governments should be made aware and brought into these discussions as soon as possible. Also attached to this Circular is a short paper summarising the financial issue and the proposed course of action as suggested by the Bureau.

The Bureau is seeking early engagement on this issue and requests that all Contracting Governments read this document, share it with relevant colleagues, and contact secretariat@iwc.int with any questions, comments or suggestions.

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