



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and
Members of the Scientific Committee
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Publication of the IWC Governance Review Report

At IWC66, the Commission adopted [Resolution 2016-1](#) which instigated a comprehensive, independent review of the Commission's institutional and governance arrangements. In 2017, a team of three independent experts was appointed by an IWC Steering Group, representing a range of views and interests. These experts have now finalised their report and I am pleased to attach it to this Circular.

As set down in the Resolution, the Operational Effectiveness Working Group (OEWG) will consider the report and submit a proposal to guide the Commission in responding to the recommendations contained in the report. The proposal will be circulated at least 60 days in advance of the 67th meeting of the Commission.

The majority of this work will be completed by correspondence, but the OEWG have arranged an in-person meeting in the margins of the Scientific Committee meeting on 6 May. Membership of the OEWG remains open to all Contracting Governments.

All Contracting Governments and Accredited Observers are encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions on the report, its recommendations for reform, the suggested roadmap for implementation, and the proposed performance indicators.

Please send feedback, suggestions and any questions to secretariat@iwc.int.

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