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Circular Communication to Commissioners. Contracting Governments and  
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**United Nations: IWC Submission on Anthropogenic Underwater Noise**

This Circular informs IWC Contracting Members, observers and members of the Scientific Committee of the participation of the IWC Executive Secretary in the forthcoming nineteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, 18-22 June 2018, which will focus on Anthropogenic Underwater noise.

Circular IWC.ALL.307 informed Contracting members of the intention for the Secretariat to contribute to the report of the UN Secretary General to the above meeting. Following submission of our contribution<sup>1</sup> the Secretariat were invited to participate as a panellist in a session on 'Cooperation and coordination in addressing anthropogenic underwater noise' to be held in the afternoon of Tuesday, 19 June 2018, and to provide delegations with a presentation on the IWC's work in respect to anthropogenic underwater noise and its effect on cetaceans.

Contracting members and observers are invited to make their relevant delegations to the United Nations aware of IWC participation in this meeting and to send any related comments to [secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)

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*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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<sup>1</sup> Available at [http://www.un.org/depts/los/consultative\\_process/contributionscp.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/los/consultative_process/contributionscp.htm)

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