

Opening Statement for the Solomon Islands

9th-14th September 2018, Florianopolis Brazil

Solomon Islands would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Chair and IWC Secretariat who have so ably directed the work of the Commission over the last 24 months. We recognise that this is a very challenging task due to the busy work program and the different interest of members.

We also would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the government of Brazil as host for IWC 67 in terms of background preparatory work, organizing, and arranging for the meeting to be held in this tranquil environment of Costao Do Santingo. The hospitality that we have received since our arrival here in Brazil has been very warm and friendly.

Solomon Islands note the list of agenda items that is before us. Some of the critical issues on the agenda need decisive action to be taken during this Commission meeting.

We are committed and hope to constructively working with all members to achieve outcomes on these critical issues on the agenda.

Solomon Islands re-affirms its commitment to the Commission to ensuring long term conservation and sustainability of cetaceans through effective management of these resources.

Finally we wish the Chair every success as he guide us all through this very challenging Commission meeting.

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