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Withdrawal of Japan from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling

The U.S. State Department has sent to the Secretariat a copy of Japan's notice, dated 26 December 2018, of withdrawal from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) ('the Convention') and its Protocol (1956), effective from 30 June 2019.

Consistent with Article XI of the Convention, a copy of such notice is attached to this Circular Communication.

The status of the Convention document is available here:

<https://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/depositary/index.htm#FISHERIES>

Japan retains its membership and voting rights until 30 June 2019.

The decision was notified to the United States of America as the depositary Government for the Convention. The USA will provide a diplomatic note to the Embassies of the Convention Parties in due course and will also update the status of the Convention document to reflect the notification.

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