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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS, CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS  
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**Placement of Circular Communications on the Commission's website**

At IWC/63 in Jersey, the Commission agreed a change to Rule of Procedure P.3. This change states that all circular communications arising from the Chair or Secretary should be sent to Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners and as well as to any contact or focal point which may have been established by Contracting Governments. The Rule change further requires that the circular communications be sent to accredited intergovernmental observers and that all non-confidential circulars are also posted on the Commission's website.

Accordingly a page has been created on the Commission's website to allow access to all non-confidential circular communications arising since IWC/63:

[http://www.iwcoffice.org/\\_documents/commission/circulars/circulars.htm](http://www.iwcoffice.org/_documents/commission/circulars/circulars.htm)

E-mail circulation will continue as before. However, with the free access to Commission circulars provided by the website, from this communication onwards the Secretariat will end the practice of distributing communications by post. Any Contracting governments who foresee a problem with the ending of postal communications are invited to contact the Secretariat for assistance.

Simon Brockington  
Secretary to the Commission

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

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