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**Ship strikes with cetaceans: outcome of the IMO 58th Marine Environment Protection Committee
(MEPC)**

Please find attached a short report from Alexandre de Lichtervelde, Commissioner for Belgium and Chair of the IWC Ship Strikes Working Group regarding the outcome of discussions at the recent meeting of IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee held in London from 6-10 October 2008. Mr De Lichtervelde has asked that his letter be circulated to Commissioners.

Members of the Secretariat also attended the 58th session of the MEPC as observers now that IWC has interim observer status with IMO.



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