

Statement by Australia, EU Member States (parties to the ICRW)¹, New Zealand, and the United States of America regarding the use of Circular Communications

The signatories of this statement support the Chair's recent reminder to the Commission that any Circular Communications must be factual and respectful (ref IWC.CCG.1487).

Correspondence recently circulated to the Commission contained serious and false allegations about some IWC members. In light of this, we reiterate the Chair's reminder that despite differences in policy and opinion among the IWC's membership it is important to maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect.

We respect the right of all parties to express their position on Commission matters through the agreed rules of debate and decision making.

¹ The EU Member States, Parties to the ICRW, participating in this statement include: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.