



THE MEDITERRANEAN SCIENCE COMMISSION

Prof. Frédéric Briand

Director General, CIESM

**Commissioner for Monaco to
the International Whaling Commission**

28 February 2013

Ms Gitte Hundahl
Commissioner for Denmark to the IWC
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Copenhagen, Denmark

Dear Ms Hundahl,
dear Commissioner,

In my capacity as Monaco Commissioner to the IWC, I express the impossibility of our Government to support the proposal of Greenland, as presented in Mr Lyberth's December letter, to establish unilateral quotas for aboriginal whaling in 2013-2014.

We note that this proposal is identical to the one which Monaco and a majority of other Delegations opposed in July 2012 at the IWC 64 Meeting in Panama.

We note further that Greenland is not a Contracting Government to the ICRW in its own right and cannot see how it might establish its own aboriginal subsistence whaling quota against a recent decision of the IWC.

We suggest along with other Commissioners that Denmark explore the possibility to propose for intersessional consideration by the Commission a Schedule amendment to paragraph 13(b)(3) which would set lower- and not higher - aboriginal takes.

Yours sincerely,

Frédéric Briand

THE MEDITERRANEAN SCIENCE COMMISSION

16, bd de Suisse - MC 98000 Monaco

Tel. +377 93 30 38 79. Fax : +377 92 16 11 95 – email : fbriand@ciesm.org