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Dear Commissioners,

In letter dated 28 June 2013 (IWC.CCG.1064) the Kingdom of Denmark's commitment to the International Whaling Commission and to the historic and present importance of whaling in Greenland was expressed together with a willingness to engage in dialog and consultation with IWC partners on a possible solution before the end of the year.

Since then a number of positive responses have been received in support of aboriginal subsistence whaling in Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark's continued membership of the IWC and developments give reason to believe that there could be sufficient basis for a solution to be found within the IWC.

The need for more time has, however, presented itself and the government of the Kingdom of Denmark has therefore decided not to submit notification of withdrawal before 31 December 2013 in order to allow international consultations to continue with the aim of reaching a decision in 2014 acceptable to Greenland and the International Whaling Commission.

We are grateful for the Chair's active engagement as advised by the Bureau at its September meeting (IWC.CCG.1076) and with the support of the Secretariat in order to facilitate the process towards a solution.

We look forward to engaging in further dialogue with IWC contracting governments and encourage all constructive views and comments to be expressed.

Yours sincerely,

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IWC Commissioner of the Kingdom of Denmark