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Dr. Simon Brockington
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Dear Dr. Brockington:

The Expert Panel of the International Whaling Commission's Scientific Committee (IWC SC) carried out a review of the Proposed Research Plan for New Scientific Whale Research Program in the Antarctic Ocean (NEWREP-A) and provided IWC SC with its report (SC/66a/Rep06) including its evaluation and recommendations for consideration by IWC SC. The Government of Japan, as the proponent of NEWREP-A, gives due regard to the Expert Panel report and, in accordance with the Annex P, has provided IWC SC with (1) Preliminary response to the Expert Panel report (SC/66a/SP1) and (2) Addendum to the proposed research plan for NEWREP-A (SC/66a/SP2).

The Government of Japan requests that this letter together with SC/66a/SP1 and SC/66a/SP2 be circulated to all IWC Commissioners and Contracting Governments for their reference and comments. Japan would welcome any comments from IWC Member countries which could be provided to Japan directly or through the Secretariat.

Sincerely,

Joji Morishita
IWC Commissioner for Japan