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Dear Dr. Brockington and Dr. Fortuna:

Please find attached hereto the final version of the New Scientific Whale Research Program in the Antarctic Ocean (NEWREP-A) for your kind circulation to Scientific Committee members and Contracting Governments.

It has been prepared in accordance with the Article 8 of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW) and Paragraph 30 of its Schedule. Japan has sincerely taken into account the recommendations by the Scientific Committee (SC) held in San Diego last May/June and conducted additional scientific works/analyses in response to those recommendations. As a result of such additional works/analyses, the proponent reached to a conclusion that it does not require any substantial changes to the contents of NEWREP-A (please find the Summary Statement attached hereto) . The Government of Japan therefore made a decision to start NEWREP-A from this austral summer. The Government of Japan will notify the International Whaling Commission (IWC) when the special permit under NEWREP-A is issued later.



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The Government of Japan requests you to circulate a copy of the final version of NEWREP-A as well as "Summary statement regarding outcome of the further work for NEWREP-A agreed at SC66a" to all IWC Contracting Governments and IWC SC members for their information.

Sincerely,

Joji Morishita

IWC Commissioner for Japan