



Embajada de Guatemala
Washington, D.C.

The Embassy of Guatemala in the United States of America presents its compliments to the Honorable Department of State, and has the honor of forwarding a note dated December 26th, 2016, from the Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, Ms. Anamaría Dieguez, addressed to the Honorable Secretary of State John F. Kerry. The note refers to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, to which the Republic of Guatemala is a Contracting Government.

Pleased find enclosed.

The Embassy of Guatemala avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Honorable Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration and esteem.

December 27th, 2016

The Honorable
US Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520



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*Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
Guatemala, C. A.*

Guatemala, December 26th, 2016

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, to which the Republic of Guatemala is a Contracting Government, since May 16th, 2006.

Pursuant to Article XI of the aforementioned Convention, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala hereby notifies the Government of the United States of America that the Republic of Guatemala wishes to withdraw from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling on June 30th, 2017. To that effect, this communication is made to the United States Department of State before January 1st, 2017.

It is our understanding that the United States, as depositary, and pursuant to Article XI of the aforementioned Convention, upon receipt of this notice, will communicate it, at once, to the other Contracting Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration,



Andmaria Diéguez
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Encargada del Despacho

Hon. John Kerry
Secretary
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Washington, D. C.