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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 western North Pacific (NEWREP-NP) 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 as well as in line with the existing Annex P.

The proposal of NEWREP-NP was duly reviewed by the Expert Panel held in January/February 2017 and then by the full Scientific Committee at its meeting in May 2017 (SC67a). As the Government of Japan expressed at the SC67a, it had sincerely examined and responded to all of the comments and recommendations from the Expert Panel, and sufficiently demonstrated the scientific grounds of NEWREP-NP at the SC67a. Given that the review of the NEWREP-NP proposal in accordance with Annex P was duly conducted, the Government of Japan has

finalized NEWREP-NP after duly taking into account the Panel's recommendations and the comments it received during the SC67a.

The Government of Japan requests you to circulate a copy of the final version of NEWREP-NP to all IWC Contracting Governments and IWC SC members for their information.

The Government of Japan will later notify the IWC as soon as the special permits for NEWREP-NP have been issued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Moronuki', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hideki MORONUKI

IWC Alternate Commissioner for Japan