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ON THE QUESTION OF THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE IWC

The government of Grenada wishes to express its concerns with respect the positions adopted by some member states with respect to legitimate request of access to whale resources by small scale fisheries. It is the belief of this government that certain attitudes and official positions, if they persist, will endanger the very future viability of the IWC itself.

In this regard the government of Grenada supports Japan's request for an allocation of Minke whales within its EEZ for its small type coastal whaling. The government of Grenada is not convinced that the denial of this request has a scientific basis nor is it supported by legitimate concerns over Japan's ability to institute the required level of management or an effective Monitoring ,Control and surveillance programme. This is evident in the responses provided in the questionnaire circulated by Japan.

The government of Grenada is of the view some positions adopted by some members of the IWC has no consideration with respect to the ICRW charter and therefore should not be granted the status of a valid position. The basis of the very existence of the IWC itself is in

jeopardy when such emotive, rather than scientific or sound management (RMS) positions, are allowed to hold sway over the decisions of the IWC.

Grenada looks forward to further discussion during the closed sessions deliberations of Agenda Items No.8 and No. 12.



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