

67th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

INFRACTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

08.00 Hrs Friday 7 September 2018 at the Costao do Santinho Resort, Florianopolis, Brazil

DRAFT AGENDA and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1 Appointment of Chair [Ms Hild Ynnesdal, Norway, is proposed]
- 1.2 Appointment of Rapporteur
- 1.3 Review of Documents
- 1.4 Observer Participation [Relevant Rules of Procedure are given at the end of this agenda]

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. INFRACTIONS REPORTS FROM CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS

The Secretariat circulated forms for annual reporting of current and unresolved infractions on 18 April 2018 (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1299) and on 31 March 2017 (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1258).

While the use of the form is not compulsory, Contracting Governments do have to fulfil reporting obligations under Article IX.4 of the Convention.

The Secretariat will provide a summary of the infractions reports received.

- 3.1 Reports for 2016 and 2017
- 3.2 Follow-up on earlier reports

4. SURVEILLANCE OF WHALING OPERATIONS

This item gives Governments the opportunity to comment upon their own national inspection schemes.

5. CHECKLIST OF INFORMATION REQUIRED OR REQUESTED UNDER SECTION VI OF THE SCHEDULE

The Secretariat circulated a checklist to facilitate reporting information required or requested under Section VI of the Schedule on 18 April 2018 (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1299) and on 31 March 2017 (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1258).

This checklist was developed as an administrative aid to the Sub-Committee in helping it to determine whether obligations under Section VI of the Schedule were being met. It is not compulsory for Contracting Governments to complete the checklist although they do have to fulfil their obligations under this Section of the Schedule.

6. SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Contracting Governments are reminded that Schedule Paragraph 31 states that:

'A Contracting Government shall transmit to the Commission copies of all its official laws and regulations relating to whales and whaling and changes in such laws and regulations'.

7. OTHER MATTERS

The Commission has adopted a number of Resolutions inviting Contracting Governments to report on the availability, sources and trade in whale products, i.e. 1994-7, 1995-7, 1996-3, 1997-2 and 1998-8. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Contracting Governments to provide the information specified in these Resolutions.

7.1 Reports from Contracting Governments on availability, sources and trade in whale products

7.2 Other

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Infractions Sub-committee considers matters and documents relating to the International Observer Scheme and Infractions insofar as they involve monitoring of compliance with the Schedule and penalties for infractions thereof (*Rep. Int. Whal. Commn. 29: 22*)

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Rule of Procedure C.2

2. Observers accredited in accordance with Rule [of procedure] C.1.(a) and (b) are admitted to all meetings of the Commission and the Technical Committee, and to any meetings of Committees and all subsidiary groups of the Commission and the Technical Committee, except the Commissioners-only meetings, meetings of the Bureau and closed meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee.

SPEAKING RIGHTS FOR OBSERVERS

Rule of Procedure C.3

3. Observers accredited in accordance with rule C.1.(a) and (b) will have speaking rights during Plenary sessions and sessions of Commission subsidiary groups and Committees to which they are admitted to under C.2, in accordance with the Rules of Debate of the Commission. Observers might also submit documents for information to the delegations and observers participating in such sessions, provided these are submitted through the Secretariat at least 48 hours before the session in which they are intended to be made available, and are duly authored or endorsed by the accredited organisation making the submission, which is to be held responsible for its contents.

Rules of Debate Paragraph A

A. Right to Speak

1. The Chair shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak, with the exception of accredited Observers, which should be allowed to speak only after all Commissioners desiring to speak do so. As a general rule, Observers will only be allowed to speak once at each Agenda item under discussion, and at the discretion of the Chair.