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NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION OBSERVER APPLICATION FORM

Name of Organisation:	
Address:	
Telephone Number :	
Fax Number:	
Email:	
Primary Contact:	
Website Address:	
Statement of Interest: <i>(Please state the reasons for the organisation's interest in IWC)</i>	
Mission Statement or Charter: <i>(Please provide the Mission Statement or Charter for the organisation. This can be attached separately if necessary).</i>	

EXTRACT FROM THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PROCEDURE (JUNE 2014)

(The complete Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations are available on IWC's website: www.iwc.int)

C. Observers

1. (a) Any Government not a party to the Convention or any intergovernmental organisation may be represented at meetings of the Commission by an observer or observers, if such non-party government or intergovernmental organisation has previously attended any meeting of the Commission, or if it submits its request in writing to the Commission 60 days prior to the start of the meeting, or if the Commission issues an invitation to attend.

(b) Any non-governmental organisation which expresses an interest in matters covered by the Convention, may be accredited as an observer. Requests for accreditation must be submitted in writing to the Commission 60 days prior to the start of the meeting and the Commission may issue an invitation with respect to such request. Such submissions shall include the standard application form for non-governmental organisations which will be provided by the Secretariat. These applications shall remain available for review by Contracting Governments.

Once a non-governmental organisation has been accredited through the application process above, it will remain accredited until the Commission decides otherwise.

Observers from each non-governmental organisation will be allowed seating in the meeting. However, seating limitations may require that the number of observers from each non-governmental organisation be limited. The Secretariat will notify accredited non-governmental organisations of any seating limitations in advance of the meeting.

(c) The Commission shall levy a registration fee and determine rules of conduct, and may define other conditions for the attendance of observers accredited in accordance with Rule C.1.(a) and (b). The registration fee will cover attendance at the Biennial Commission Meeting to which it relates and any other meeting of the Commission or its subsidiary groups as provided in Rule C.2 in the interval before the next Biennial Commission Meeting

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