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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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In response to COMM CIRC 08/54-SC CIRC 08/17, the European Community has requested that the attached letter be circulated to all Members.

Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary

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Subject: Scientific Committee Chair

Dear Dr. Miller,

I am referring to the Commission Circular 08/54 of 7 May 2008 on the CCAMLR Scientific Committee Chair.

The European Commission shares the position expressed by UK which was circulated through Commission Circular 08/67.

Our preference would have been that the Chair of the Scientific Committee would have attended the inter-sessional meetings in order to ensure continuity in his action, and is therefore unfortunate that the current senior Vice Chair, Dr K. Sullivan, is unable to attend these meetings this year.

However, we are comfortable with Dr K. Sullivan chairing the Scientific Committee at the next CCAMLR annual meeting, under the condition that he will organise the necessary support that is needed ahead of the inter-sessional Working Group meetings, to ensure he is able to obtain the appropriate feedback and advice.

We also support the notion that the election of a new Scientific Committee Chair should take place at the end of the next Scientific Committee meeting.

I would kindly request you to circulate this note among Commission's Members.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,


Roberto CESARI
Head of EC Delegation
to CCAMLR