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

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The USA has requested that the attached letter be circulated to all Members.

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Executive Secretary

Attch.

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Mr. Andrew WRIGHT
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Subject: CCAMLR Performance Review – way forward

Dear Chair and Executive Secretary,

In 2007, CCAMLR adopted a joint proposal by the Delegations of the European Community and the USA to conduct a Performance Review of the organization (CCAMLR-XXVI/32). The proposal responded to Paragraph 73 of the UN General Assembly Resolution 61/105 adopted unanimously in December 2006. The Performance Review Panel presented its report and recommendations to CCAMLR Members 45 days before the 2008 (XXVII) Annual Meeting (CCAMLR-XXVII/8). That Report continues to be highly significant to us as it contains guidance designed to strengthen the work of this Commission and suggest pressing issues in need of our collective attention.

Now that the Report approaches its second anniversary, our delegations are, once again, interested in assessing the progress to date and the volume and priorities of the work ahead. The first step is to take stock of the work done by the Commission and its subcommittees during the past two years and to determine the extent that work adequately addressed the Report's recommendations. To this end, in 2009, the Commission requested the Secretariat to provide a progress report on the Performance Review Report (CCAMLR-XXVIII paragraph 16.24). We believe that the Secretariat's assessment, already delivered as document CCAMLR-XXIX/10, will help us determine what recommendations have been addressed, how, and whether they have been fully satisfied.

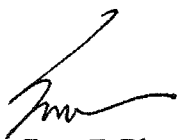
The second step relates to the future work of CCAMLR. While both our delegations believe that significant progress has been made in addressing the Panel's recommendations, it is important for the Commission to develop a more systematic approach for prioritizing and addressing the recommendations that have not been sufficiently addressed to date. An exercise of this kind would, in our view, be neither simple nor immediate, which makes it imperative that all delegations come to Hobart prepared to focus on these remaining aspects of the Performance Review. We hope that the Commission and its working groups will work on this matter actively during CCAMLR XXIX.

Because of the limited time available to us during our annual meeting, we recommend that the Commission Chair bring this issue to the attention of the Membership during the opening day of CCAMLR XXIX. The message should include a clear task to the Chairs of each CCAMLR Committee instructing them to focus the participating Members on the need to reach consensus within their respective Committees on a prioritized list of performance review recommendations that will guide the Commission's next steps. If successful, the report from each Committee Chair presented to the Commission assembled in plenary session during week 2, will provide a most useful complement to the Progress Report prepared by the Secretariat.

The position of the EU Delegation is agreed and supported by the eight EU Member States which are CCAMLR Members (BE, DE, ES, FR, IT, PL, SE, UK).

We would be grateful if you could have this letter distributed to CCAMLR Members and Contracting Parties.

Sincerely,



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