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## CIRCULAR TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Despite some indications of support, at this time there is no consensus as to the desirability of extending an invitation to BirdLife International to attend CCAMLR-XXI. However, one Member has suggested that the matter be discussed at the Heads of Delegation meeting to be held just prior to CCAMLR-XXI.

Taking the above into account, it would seem premature for the Secretariat to extend an invitation to BirdLife International prior to discussion at the Heads of Delegation meeting. BirdLife International will therefore be informed that the matter is under review and that additional consultations are to be held. It will also be clearly indicated that such consultations do not imply that an invitation will be extended in due course.

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