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

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Members were requested (COMM CIRC 08/130–SC CIRC 08/59) to indicate whether they:

- (i) have any objection to the Performance Review Panel Report being formally presented by a representative of the Panel;
- (ii) object to this presentation being made at the opening session of the Commission on 27 October 2008;
- (iii) object to the Provisional Agenda being changed accordingly.

The following responses were received by 10 October 2008.

The European Community (EC), responding on behalf of its eight EC Member States that are CCAMLR Members (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), provided a methodological outline of how the Review Panel Report could be dealt with during CCAMLR-XXVII (COMM CIRC 08/131–SC CIRC 08/60). It had no objection to a formal presentation of the Report being made to the Commission as outlined in (i) to (iii) above. However, the EC indicated that it hoped that its suggested methodological approach to dealing with the Report will be shared by other Members in the interests of facilitating work at CCAMLR-XXVII. Australia supported the EC (see attached) and indicated that an informal presentation of the Review Report at the beginning of CCAMLR-XXVII would be acceptable without necessitating the Commission's agenda being changed.

Argentina also did not object to an informal presentation of the Review Panel Report being made to the Commission and outlined how it would wish to see this done (COMM CIRC 08/132–SC CIRC 08/61). Uruguay supported Argentina's views.

These views mean that the Review Panel Report would be presented during an informal gathering of Commission Members (i.e. with no formal record or language interpretation) on the first day. An informal, and brief, presentation is seen to facilitate handling of the Report during the SCIC, SCAF, Scientific Committee and, ultimately, Commission meetings.

It is suggested that time be allocated for a presentation of the Performance Panel Review Report after Agenda Item 2(ii) on the morning of 27 October 2008. At its meeting on 26 October 2008, the Heads of Delegation may decide on the conditions of the informal presentation, as well as on any associated actions to be taken to deal with the Report.



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Dear Dr Miller

I refer to Commission Circular 08/130 regarding the presentation of the report of the Performance Review Panel. Australia is supportive of the report being presented during the opening session of the Commission on 27 October 2008, providing this takes place after the official opening ceremony proceedings have been undertaken. For this reason I do not believe it is necessary to alter the Provisional Agenda.

Australia also would like to offer its support for the proposal put forward by the European Community in Commission Circular 08/131, to ensure an orderly development of discussions on the follow-up of the review. The proposal outlined by the EC to have SCAF, SCIC and the Scientific Committee discuss, assess and forward their conclusions to the CCAMLR Plenary will give CCAMLR a greater capacity to address the recommendations within the report at this year's meeting.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to the other Members of the Commission.

Yours sincerely

*AJ Press*

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Australian Representative to CCAMLR

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