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**A TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DE LA COMISIÓN
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En respuesta a la circular COMM CIRC 08/54-SC CIRC 08/17, el Reino Unido ha solicitado que la carta adjunta sea circulada a todos los miembros.

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Dear *Denzil*,

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

I refer to Commission Circular 08/54, whereby Members are requested to comment on the possibility of the current senior Vice Chair, Dr K. Sullivan, chairing the next Scientific Committee meeting in the autumn.

I am of course writing with great sadness and loss after the news of Edith Fanta's passing reached the international community. She will be sorely missed.

The UK's scientific representation to CCAMLR has given consideration on how best to manage the process of filling the Scientific Committee Chair. Our preference would be that given the extremely important nature of the intersessional Working Group meetings sponsored by the Scientific Committee, in particular SAM, EMM & TASO as well as the joint IWC / CCAMLR Workshop, that the Chair of the Scientific Committee would have attended these meetings. It is therefore unfortunate that the current senior Vice Chair is unable to attend these meetings this year.

In the absence of any precedent for such circumstances, the UK is however comfortable for Dr K. Sullivan to Chair the Scientific Committee at its next annual meeting. In accordance with our previous comments it will be very important that Dr K. Sullivan organises the necessary support that is needed ahead of the intersessional Working Group meetings, to ensure he is able to obtain the appropriate feedback and advice. With this support we believe Dr K. Sullivan will be an excellent Chair.

The UK would be happy to provide any advice and support to the Chair, as necessary, and would encourage other Member States to do the same.

The UK supports the notion that the election of a new Scientific Committee Chair should take place at the end of the next Scientific Committee meeting as originally planned.

Best wishes

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