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BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) AND
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Dear Martha Rojas Urrego, Executive Secretary, International Whaling Commission,

This Letter of Intent (LoI) expresses the intention of UNEP through the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat and in particular, the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol (1990, hereinafter referred to as "**SPAW**") of the Convention, to work cooperatively with the International Whaling Commission (1946, hereinafter referred to as "**IWC**"). SPAW and IWC are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties".

The Parties have reached the below understandings and intend to cooperate in accordance with their areas of responsibility and work plans:

1. Identify and develop synergies and ensure effective cooperation in pursuit of common goals and objectives within each Parties respective mandates and governing rules and regulations.
2. Improve information and data sharing on the status and abundance of cetacean species.
3. Promote and encourage the conservation and management of key cetacean species and population.
4. Enhance collaboration on research, prevention of, and response to anthropogenic threats.

The Parties will seek to develop the collaborative actions considered in this Letter of Intent, through the implementation of their workplans, in accordance with their respective areas of expertise. Likewise, the Participants will consult each other on a regular basis about the progress of the activities carried out within the framework of this Letter of Intent.

Nothing in this Letter of Intent shall be construed as a binding legal Agreement and as such this Letter of Intent does not have any legally binding effect between the Parties.

We would appreciate your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,



Susan Gardner
Director,
Ecosystems Division, UNEP