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**To the Government of Japan
Embassy of Japan
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PROTEST AGAINST JAPAN'S WHALING

The international society has long ago recognised that Cetaceans belong to the whole world and not merely a few countries undertaking whaling. This is why cetaceans are under the protection by UN agreements such as CITES and CMS, and whale sanctuaries have been adopted by IWC under the auspices of International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

Since 1986 the IWC moratorium on commercial whaling has been in place, a moratorium which Japan has chosen not to respect. Japan has continued whaling, referring to scientific research, and this whaling has been ongoing not only in the Northern Pacific, but also in the Antarctic Whale Sanctuary. Japan is now pressuring IWC to reopen commercial whaling, including providing quotas for a so called small type coastal whaling of an unspecified number of Minke whales in the North West Pacific. We consider this whaling as commercial and besides that it will endanger the small O stock of Minke whales in that area. Therefore we oppose such plans for whaling of Minke whales.

Further to that it is our opinion that whaling cannot be undertaken in a humane manner. 60% of the whales taken by Japan in the Antarctic waters do not die instantly.

We request:

- 1) Stop all forms of whaling in the Antarctic Sanctuary, without further delay.
- 2) Southern Minke is by IUCN listed in the IUCN Red Data List as data deficient. Sei and Fin whales are listed as endangered. Stop whaling for these species.



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- 3) Modern management of wild animals, including cetaceans, today can be undertaken using none-lethal methods. These methods must be used by Japan for any future scientific cetacean research
- 4) We ask Japan to stop whaling for small cetaceans along the coast of Japan. Not only is the meat from such whales and dolphins contaminated and pose a risk to human health, but the hunting is also posing unnecessary suffering to the animals in concern
- 5) IWC has agreed a mathematical model, the RMP, with a tuning of 0.72 to be used for setting quotas for any future sustainable whaling. Japan is requested to respect this decision by IWC.

The request is send on behalf of the following Danish NGO's

DOSO (an association of 20 Animal Welfare Organisations having a membership of 130.000 members)

Society for the Conservation of Marine Mammals

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Yours sincerely,

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