

Dear Horace,

Thanks for your consideration and for requesting that i speak on behalf of the region on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the International Whaling Commission.

I am not surprise neither am i disappointed that the Chairman and those that are attempting to syatemically destroy the IWC would vehemently object to hearing my views concerning the past, the present and tje future of tje International Commission.

During my tenure at the IWC i had the ignoble experience of witnessing the undemocratic and in many cases the illegal actions of a group of countries to change the scope and functions of this commission without any regards to their treaty obligations as are enshrined in its Convention.

This is truly not in keeping with the International Convention on Treaties and is surely a gross departure of international behavior amongst friendly countries are considered.

In the IWC there is a clear demonstration that European members, the USA, Australia and New Zealand are barerfacely ignoring the provisions of the IWC convention and illegally changing its functions.

Might should never be right in our international community, but alas, powerful counties have and are continuing to use their influence to prevent the IWC to undertake its treaty mandate. These actions are wrong and are illegal.

Changing the object and purpose of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling without a treaty review process is a clear demonstration of the erosion of democracy and a wanton disrespect of other members rights in accordance with their expectations under the ICRW.

The processes of corporation that are so much required for the sustainable management of all global renewable resources. The illegal actions of those ccountries are contributing to global food insecurity.

The sustainable use of whales is a treaty right to all States that are party to the ICRW and should only be denied within the provisions of the convention after sound scientific advise.

The IWC has departed from its treaty obligations and is now functioning as a body favoring the domestic interest of some of its richer members.

Going forward developing countries along with other countries that support and respect democracy, cultural diversity and the of all nations to pursue food security through food sovereignty must come together to restore the IWC including its credibility as a democratic multilateral organization.

Please convey this mail to the secretariat and ask for it to be circulated to all parties to the ICRW.

I pray that the ICRW and its Commission will survive all attempts of its dismantlement and rise again to be an organization undertaking the mandates of its very own convention instead of continuing to operate as a body devoid of moral fibre.

Respectfully
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Commissioner.