

**28th Annual Meeting, 1978**  
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**IWC Resolution 1976-4**  
**Adherence to the Convention**

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks, and

WHEREAS the Commission has adopted a regulation related to the taking of sperm whales in the North Atlantic ocean establishing a catch limit of 685 animals as the maximum number which can be safely removed from this stock,

AND WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited by vessels under the jurisdiction of a member of the Commission, Iceland, and by vessels under the jurisdiction of Spain and Portugal, which are not members of the Commission.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that catches of sperm whales in the North Atlantic ocean in 1977 do not exceed the catch limit which has been established by the Commission, to prevent the over-exploitation of this stock.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Governments of Spain and Portugal, requesting their co-operation with regard to the conservation of the sperm whale stocks of the North Atlantic ocean, and urging them to join the Commission.