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IWC Resolution 1979-2
Resolution to consider the implications for whales of management regimes
for other Marine Resources

RECOGNISING that certain marine resources in the Southern Ocean, especially krill, are food species of whales, and that exploitation of these resources may affect the demography of whale stocks to an extent that is as yet largely unknown,

RECOGNISING that the recovery and maintenance of depleted baleen whale stocks in the Southern Ocean may depend on adequate supplies of food species,

RECOGNISING the complexity of the marine ecosystem in the Southern Ocean, the necessity to maintain that ecosystem in a healthy condition, and the variety of interests in addition to whaling which are involved,

RECOGNISING that negotiations are currently in progress to develop a Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources,

THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION HEREBY RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The Commission shall approach the Host Government to the Diplomatic Conference of the parties to be held to conclude the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources to propose the attendance of an official observer.
2. The Commission shall urge all nations presently harvesting krill in the Southern Ocean to submit all relevant data to the appropriate international organizations, including SCAR, IWC and FAO.
3. The Commission shall seek from all appropriate sources such information and data as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

THE COMMISSION FURTHER RECOMMENDS that a working group of the Technical Committee be set up to consider the implications for whales of management regimes for other marine resources. The working group shall have the following terms of reference:

- (1) To consider how best to coordinate the activities of the International Whaling Commission with other international organizations involved in managing living resources in the Southern Ocean, especially those organizations or interim mechanisms established or designated in connection with the proposed Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.
- (2) To ascertain, in cooperation with the Scientific Committee, mechanisms necessary to achieve collaboration with organizations identified through (1) on scientific studies of mutual interest, including the exchange of data relevant to assessment of the effect of exploitation of other resources of the Southern Ocean on the baleen whale stocks of that area.