

**31st Annual Meeting, 1979**  
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**IWC Resolution 1979-9**

**Importation of whale products from, export of equipment to, and prohibition of whaling by non-member countries**

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

WHEREAS, the International Whaling Commission has adopted a New Management Procedure to carry out that purpose;

WHEREAS, the activities of whaling vessels of non—member countries seriously hinder the purposes of the International Whaling Commission;

WHEREAS, the importing of whales or products thereof from any State not a party to this Convention seriously detracts from the effectiveness of the management procedures adopted by the International Whaling Commission;

WHEREAS, the International Whaling Commission has for several years passed resolutions prohibiting the import of whale products from non—member nations;

WHEREAS, the transfer of whaling equipment, the dissemination of whaling expertise and the granting of other assistance to aid the whaling operations of non—member nations seriously detracts from the effectiveness of the management procedures adopted by the International Whaling Commission;

WHEREAS, the International Whaling Commission has for several years passed resolutions proscribing the transfer of whaling vessels and equipment and the dissemination of assistance;

WHEREAS, reports of member nations at the 31st Annual Meeting indicate that some member countries have not yet taken appropriate measures to prevent the importation of whale meat and products from, and the export of whaling vessels and equipment to non—member countries and operations; and

WHEREAS, despite increased efforts of member nations to control such importation and export, continual vigilance is required to assure that assistance and aid is not provided to unregulated whaling operations;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all member nations shall cease immediately any importation of whale meat and products from, and the export of whaling vessels and equipment to non-member countries and operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with respect to any international efforts to negotiate a new convention for the protection and conservation of whales, all member nations shall support a textual prohibition on any importation of whale meat and products from, and the export of whaling vessels and equipment to, non—member countries and operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all member countries consider, through the application of national legislation, prohibiting whaling by non-member countries within their fishery conservation zones.