

**33rd Annual Meeting, 1981**  
*(Rep. int. Whal. Commn 32)*

**IWC Resolution 1981-6**  
**Resolution to Implement Recommendations of the Technical Committee Working Group on Non-IWC Whaling**

The International Whaling Commission

Taking note of the consensus view at its 32nd Annual Meeting that whaling operations outside the International Whaling Convention have adverse effects on the objects of the Convention;

Having received the report of the Technical Committee Working Group on non-IWC whaling, and

Concerned at the lack of information on the extent of such operations revealed in the report,

Decides

1. To urge member Governments to provide the Secretary with information on the present status of vessels on the draft register of whaling vessels by 31 May 1982, and to take the appropriate steps to update the Lloyds Register of Shipping in this respect.
2. To urge all member Governments to supply the Secretary with information, where this is available, concerning the period during which such vessels were engaged in whaling operations.
3. To ask member Governments to provide the Secretary with statistics of all imports and exports of whale products in the same detail as contained in customs' statistics.
4. To instruct the Secretary to consult the appropriate authorities in countries with large insurance markets on the question of insurance carried by vessels operating outside the IWC and in particular on the question of vessels listed for one purpose, but in fact carrying out whaling operations.
5. To adopt the following procedure in respect of information concerning non-member countries:
  - A. if the Secretary receives information to the effect that whaling is being carried out by a country which is a non-member of the Commission, he should institute inquiries as to the correctness of that information;
  - B. if the Secretary has reason to believe that whaling is being undertaken but he does not have adequate information as to the number, size, sex and location of the whales taken and as to the vessels and the equipment being used in the operation, he should approach the Government concerned and request the additional information;
  - C. if the Government concerned is unable to supply this information, the Secretary, with the Chairman's concurrence should seek the agreement of that country to allow a qualified representative to visit the country concerned to assist in obtaining 'the information.
  - D. the Secretary should ensure that all available information resulting from these enquiries is promptly transmitted to the Scientific Committee and the Commission and should inform the Commission if the Government concerned has been unable to receive a representative of the Commission.