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IWC Resolution 1983-2
Resolution on the Framework of a Comprehensive Assessment of Whale Stocks

The International Whaling Commission

RECALLING that the Commission adopted at its 34th Annual Meeting the Schedule amendment calling for the suspension of commercial whaling, on the understanding that this amendment was to be kept under review based upon the best scientific advice and that by 1990 at the latest the Commission would undertake a comprehensive assessment of its effect on whale stocks and consider modification of this amendment and the establishment of other catch limits;

RECOGNISING that four nations have lodged objections to this Schedule amendment,

RECOGNISING, therefore, that there is an urgent need to develop common understandings on the stock assessment of the individual whale stocks currently exploited,

DECIDES that a joint Working Group of the Scientific Committee and the Technical Committee be established with the terms of reference set out below and with a view to reporting its progress and findings to the 36th Annual Meeting and the Meetings thereafter;

a) to consider, in the light of the current information on whale stocks and the degrees of uncertainty that exist concerning some of the data and methods used, what conceptual approaches might be used to provide the Commission with more effective scientific advice and recommendations for management and

b) to determine the studies required to implement these approaches and

c) to establish a time-table for the in-depth assessment of whale stocks which should be completed for major stocks currently exploited as soon as practicable.