

**37th Annual Meeting, 1985**  
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**IWC Resolution 1985-2**  
**Resolution on Scientific Permits**

WHEREAS, article VIII of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946, exempts from the operation of the Convention the killing, taking and treating of whales in accordance with special permits issued by Contracting Governments, for the purposes of scientific research; and

WHEREAS Paragraph 30 of the Schedule provides for all proposed permits to be reviewed by the Scientific Committee:

THE COMMISSION:

1. NOTES the draft resolution proposed by Sweden and seconded by Switzerland on the subject of scientific permits and recalls the discussion thereon;
2. DECIDES to set up a working group to study this proposal and any relevant matters with a view to taking a decision at the next session of the Commission;
3. URGES any Contracting Government proposing the issue of scientific permits in the intervening period to take account of the serious concerns expressed in the Commission at the possibility of whaling for scientific purposes in the period referred to in Schedule paragraph 10(e) assuming the characteristics of commercial whaling; and
4. INVITES Contracting Governments to ensure that any whaling under such permits is conducted strictly in accordance with scientific requirements, and in particular to take account of *the* advice and guidelines of the Scientific Committee.