

**39th Annual Meeting, 1987**  
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**IWC Resolution 1987-2**  
**Resolution on Republic of Korea's Proposal for Special Permits**

WHEREAS the International Whaling Commission adopted in 1986 a Resolution on Special Permits for Scientific Research (IWC/38/28);

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Report of the Scientific Committee (IWC/39/4) concerning the research programmes to be conducted under special permits;

WHEREAS the Commission takes cognizance of Article VIII of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, under which the granting by any Contracting Government to its nationals of a special permit authorising the killing, taking or treatment of whales for purposes of scientific research remains the responsibility of each Contracting Government, exercising its sovereign rights in respect of maritime areas under its jurisdiction and the freedom of the high seas;

Now, THEREFORE, the Commission

ADOPTS the view that the proposed take of Sea of Japan-Yellow Sea-East China Sea stock of minke whales under scientific permit by the Government of the Republic of Korea, as described in SC/39/O 5, does not satisfy the criteria set forth in the 1986 Resolution on Special Permits for Scientific Research in that it has not contributed information which will answer any significant management questions and the proposed take will not materially facilitate the conduct of the Comprehensive Assessment;

REQUESTS the Secretary to so notify the Government of the Republic of Korea; and

RECOMMENDS to the Government of the Republic of Korea that it refrain from issuing, or revoke, special permits to its nationals for the conduct of the research programme described in SC/39/O 5.