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**IWC Resolution 1990-5**  
**Resolution on Redirecting Research towards Non-Lethal Methods**

WHEREAS the purpose of the International Whaling Convention is to provide for the proper conservation of whale stocks and thus make possible the orderly development of the whaling industry,

WHEREAS the killing, taking and treating of whales should only be undertaken in a manner consistent with the principles and in accordance with the provisions of the Convention

WHEREAS the Commission takes cognisance of Article VIII of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling;

WHEREAS Paragraph 30 of the Schedule specifies requirements relating to the issuance of special permits;

NOTING that the Commission has recommended that the duration of special permits issued by Contracting Governments should be strictly limited to the need for completion of the proposed research, and that they should take into account whether the objectives of the research are not practically and scientifically feasible through non-lethal research techniques;

Now, THEREFORE the Commission

COMMENDS those Contracting Governments making valuable contributions to knowledge on whales through non-lethal research programmes,

ENCOURAGES Contracting Governments to base their research programmes to the maximum extent possible, on non-lethal research methods, and INVITES them to include, in reports on their research programmes, special reference to measures taken to achieve this objective.