

Appendix 12

RESOLUTION ON THE KILLING OF PILOT WHALES (*Globicephala melas*)

RECALLING that at its 38th Annual Meeting the Commission adopted a proposal to urge the Danish Government to encourage the Faroese Government to make every effort to minimise the use of the gaff and spear, killing from boats, and to further reduce the number of authorised bays so as to limit the hunt to those bays where pilot whales may be killed in a more humane manner in the Faroese pilot whale fishery.

WELCOMING the establishment of the Faroese Whaling Committee in 1986 to study *inter alia* improved methods of killing and the subsequent ban on the use of the spear and harpoons;

NOTING that the subject of killing methods in the Faroese pilot whale drive hunt, including exsanguination, warranted discussion in the 1992 Humane Killing Workshop;

THEREFORE THE COMMISSION INVITES the Danish Government to:

- i) inform the Commission of the measures currently used for the killing of pilot whales;
- ii) contribute to the action programme agreed by the Commission in its Resolution on Humane Killing (Appendix 1).