

**45th Annual Meeting, 1993**  
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**IWC Resolution 1993-18**  
**Resolution on Whaling Activities by Non-Member States**

The International Whaling Commission,

BEARING IN MIND the purpose of the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, for establishment of a coherent system of international regulation of whaling;

BEARING IN MIND relevant rules of international law, as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), in particular Article 65, which stipulates that States shall "co-operate with a view to the conservation of marine mammals and in the case of cetaceans shall in particular work through the appropriate international organisations for their conservation, management and study;"

NOTING that the International Whaling Commission is the universally recognised competent international organization in the sense of Article 65 of UNCLOS;

RECALLING that Chapter 17 of Agenda Item 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development recognised the responsibility of the International Whaling Commission for the conservation and management of whale stocks and the regulation of whaling;

CONSIDERING that regulations adopted by the Commission should be taken into account by all States in their activities related to whales;

AWARE that the Scientific Committee has reviewed documentation reporting on whaling by non-member States;

CONCERNED that whaling operations by non-member States may diminish the effectiveness of the conservation program adopted by the International Whaling Commission;

NOTING that the activities of whaling vessels of non-member countries should not hinder the purposes of the Commission;

RECALLING the Commission's Resolution IWC/30/Appendix 9, and prior resolutions, declaring that member States should not import whale products from non-member States;

BELIEVING that the problem of whaling by non-member States should be the object of special study by the Commission, including an examination of the reasons for non accession of non-member states involved in whaling;

1. INVITES non-member States involved in or planning whaling activities to consider as promptly as possible their accession to the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling;
2. ENCOURAGE the Secretary to investigate the reasons for non-member countries to remain outside the International Whaling Commission;
3. REQUESTS the member States to submit to the Secretary, at the earliest date possible, information at their disposal on whaling activities by non-member States, together with comments and proposals;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary to collect from all sources any data on actual or planned whaling activities by non-member States and to make that information available to the Commission;
5. AGREES to consider the information made available under a new agenda item at the 46th Annual Meeting.