

Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 1998
50th Annual Meeting, 1998

IWC Resolution 1998-12
Resolution on Review of Observer Status

CONCERNED that the laws of some Contracting Governments have been violated by international organisations having or seeking observer status in the IWC.

CONCERNED that some Contracting Governments of the IWC, in particular small developing countries, have received threats of economic coercion and threats against individuals, due to the policies expressed in this organisation.

AWARE of the fragile nature of the economies in small developing countries making them particularly vulnerable to threats of economic boycott.

WISHING to address the concerns voiced in a constructive and effective manner.

DECIDES that the Advisory Committee consider the following addition to the Rules of Procedure and report to the 51st Annual Meeting:

“The accreditation of an international organisation referred to in [Rule of Procedure] C.1.(b) would be subject to immediate review and decision upon submission to the IWC by a Contracting Government of legal evidence that such an organisation has violated the laws of the Contracting Government or has threatened any individual; or upon submission of documentation that such an organisation has caused economic hardship to the Contracting Government because of participation or views expressed in the IWC.”