

**Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2001
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Resolution 2001-10

Resolution on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

WHEREAS persistent organic pollutants are seriously polluting the environment and its living resources including whales, and may have significant negative health effects on consumers of marine mammal products;

RECALLING that the negative effects of Persistent Organic Pollutants upon cetaceans have been repeatedly recognised by the IWC since 1981,

NOTING the International Whaling Commission with its specific responsibility in the management and conservation of whale stocks may have a mutual interest in supporting the ratification of international treaties with overlapping concerns,

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION

CONGRATULATES the conclusion of the 2001 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and

ENCOURAGES Contracting Governments to sign, ratify and adhere to the new Convention

REQUESTS that the Secretariat transmits this text to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention.