

Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2004
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Resolution 2004-4

PROPOSAL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL POSITION OF VERY SMALL COUNTRIES IN CALCULATING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

NOTING that contracting parties should contribute financially to the Commission in a fair and equitable manner;

RECOGNISING that two contracting parties that currently belong to capacity-to-pay Group 3, according to the Interim Measure for calculating contributions, are very small countries with a very small population, and thus a much smaller Gross National Income than the other countries that belong to that Group;

ALSO RECOGNISING that in all other international organisations the special position of these two countries is properly taken into account in the calculation of financial contributions.

RECOGNISING further that taking account of the special position of these countries within the IWC should not affect the financial contributions of those contracting parties that have the least capacity to pay, and thus belong to Group 1 according to the Interim Measure for calculating contributions;

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

DECIDES that, under the Interim Measure for calculating contributions, Monaco and San Marino are transferred from capacity-to-pay Group 3 to Group 2;

FURTHER DECIDES that this transfer shall have no effect on the contribution of contracting parties that belong to capacity-to-pay Group 1.

Appendix 1

Current Capacity-to Pay Grouping under "Interim Contribution Measure"

Group 1 GNI less than \$10 billions and GNI/capita less than 10,000	Group 2 GNI greater than \$10 billions and GNI/capita less than 10,000 \$	Group 3 GNI less than \$1,000 billions and GNI/capita greater than 10,000 \$	Group 4 GNI greater than \$1,000 billions and GNI/capita greater than 10,000 \$
Antigua & Barbuda	Argentina ±	Australia	France
Belize	Brazil ±	Austria	Germany
Benin	Chile	Belgium	Italy
Dominica	China, People's Rep ±	Denmark	Japan
Gabon	Costa Rica	Iceland	UK
Grenada	Côte d'Ivoire	Ireland	USA
Guinea, Rep. of	Hungary	Monaco *	
Mauritania	India ±	Netherlands	
Mongolia	Kenya	New Zealand	
Nicaragua	Korea, Republic of ±	Norway	
Palau, Republic of	Mexico ±	Portugal	
Senegal	Morocco	San Marino *	
St. Kitts and Nevis	Oman	Spain	
St. Lucia	Panama	Sweden	
St. Vincent & G.	Peru	Switzerland	
Solomon Islands	Russian Federation ±		
Suriname	South Africa ±		
Tuvalu			

± GNI > \$100 billions * GNI < \$2 billions