

## Annex U

### Minority Statements

#### STATEMENT OF THE JAPANESE DELEGATION CONCERNING SMALL CETACEANS

The position of the Government of Japan, as stated at the last Annual Meeting of the Scientific Committee, has not changed on the matter of small cetaceans. That is, the activities of the Commission with the population management of whales should be limited to the matters concerning whales listed on the Nomenclature of the International Whaling Commission Final Act (1946).

However, we can support the Resolution adopted by the IWC at its 32nd Annual Meeting in 1980 that the Scientific Committee of the IWC is recommended to consider the status of small cetaceans and provide such scientific advice as may be warranted to Contracting Governments.

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#### ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

With regard to the deletion of the sub-item 'Southern Hemisphere minke whales' from the Agenda Item 'CA/RMP - PREPARATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION', Yagi noted with regret that this was the first occasion where the Commission had explicitly intervened to preclude the Scientific Committee pursuing a request from a member government to further consideration of an issue relevant to scientific aspects of the management of whales. He stated that this action by the Commission was not in the interest of promoting cooperation among members of the Scientific Committee.