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Minority Statements

STATEMENT BY 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 matters concerning whales listed in the Nomenclature of the International Whaling Convention 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.

STATEMENT BY JAPAN UNDER AGENDA ITEM 2 (MEETING ARRANGEMENTS)

With regard to the selection of Invited Participants to this Scientific Committee meeting Japan expressed concern through the Commissioner's letter to the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and the Secretary. Japan appreciates the prompt responses from them. However, we continue to have a concern about this matter and would like to reserve our right to suggest some arrangement at an appropriate occasion to alleviate the problem.
