

RESOLUTION ON FOOD SECURITY

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WHEREAS the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations was established on 16 October 1945 to defeat global hunger and has 194 Member Nations, two associate members and one member organization;

WHEREAS the International Whaling Commission was established in 1948 and has 88 Member Nations;

WHEREAS the United Nations estimates that the global population is predicted to increase from 7.2 billion today to 9.6 billion by 2050;

WHEREAS the FAO estimates that 842 million people suffer from chronic hunger;

WHEREAS the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of the FAO of the United Nations has as its vision: *"A world in which responsible and sustainable use of fisheries and aquaculture resources makes an appreciable contribution to human well-being, food security and poverty alleviation."*

WHEREAS the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of the FAO of the United Nations has as its mission: *"To strengthen global governance and the managerial and technical capacities of members and to lead consensus-building towards improved conservation and utilization of aquatic resources."*

RECALLING that the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW) recognizes in its preamble, *"that it is in the common interest to achieve the optimum level of whale stocks as rapidly as possible without causing widespread economic and nutritional distress"*;

NOTING that the FAO of the United Nations has established five strategic objectives, namely:

- Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition;
- Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable;
- Reduce rural poverty;
- Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems;
- Increase the resilience of livelihoods to disasters;

NOTING that IWC Member Nations are also Member Nations of the FAO;

CONSIDERING that consistency and cooperation between the FAO and IWC will enhance the ability of both organizations to fulfill their missions;

RECOGNIZING that the primary reason that whaling is conducted today is to provide food;

RECOGNIZING the potential for conflict between the aims of (a) achieving sustainable increases of fisheries production to provide food and (b) protecting the natural environment;

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION,

DECLARES that all peoples have the right to access food;

URGES Member Nations to take account of the need for food security and good nutrition when making proposals to amend the Schedule;

RESOLVES to take account of the need for food security and good nutrition when making its decisions.