

Draft Resolution on the 2030 Agenda

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ACKNOWLEDGING the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),

ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals”, and the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,

NOTING that the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity has been recognized by Resolution 65/161 of the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 as setting the global framework for priority actions on biodiversity,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the post-2020 process to develop the follow up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Aichi Targets provides an important opportunity for a collaborative planning process towards a post-2020 strategy that supports both the objectives of the IWC and the Sustainable Development Goals,

AWARE that in September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the aim of achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions: economic, social, and environmental by 2030,

RECOGNIZING the “Our Oceans, Our Future: Call for Action” declaration adopted at the UN Ocean Conference in June 2017 and endorsed by the UN General Assembly in Resolution 71/312,

AWARE that cetaceans are affected by many national and global economic activities, including but not limited to those related to fisheries, energy, tourism, transport and trade,

NOTING that the importance of biodiversity and ecosystems is reflected in many of the SDGs and targets and thus the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems and the achievement of the SDGs are inextricably linked and interdependent,

RECOGNIZING that the IWC has adopted several Resolutions expressing concerns about the impacts of environmental degradation on cetaceans,

MINDFUL that the IWC has a specific responsibility for the conservation of whale population may have an interest in cooperating with other intergovernmental organizations with common concerns,

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION

NOTES the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) [and encourages its effective implementation, especially SDG 14: “Conserve and sustainable use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”];

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RECOGNIZES the importance of the moratorium and the role it plays in achieving SDG 14 through its continued protection and conservation of cetaceans;

AGREES that, whilst the IWC can contribute to delivery of SDG14, there are specialised international bodies/agencies that are uniquely placed to support delivery of Agenda 2030 by focusing on the targets falling within their remit;

INVITES Contracting Governments, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, to engage in processes related to the implementation of SDG 14 with a view to contributing inputs and raising awareness of the important contribution that the conservation of cetaceans provides to sustainable development;

ENCOURAGES Contracting Governments to take into account SDG 14 in their domestic implementation of the IWC's conservation objectives;

INVITES the private sector to engage in relevant dialogues with a view to finding common solutions and aligning policies and practices with SDG 14, in particular with regards to marine debris, ghost gear, entanglement, ship strikes, underwater noise, bycatch and other anthropogenic impacts;

REQUESTS the IWC Secretariat to forward this Resolution to the United Nations General Assembly and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and to other relevant fora.

