

Draft Resolution on the 2030 Agenda

Submitted by Brazil

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 “The Future We Want”, and the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,

AWARE that in September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 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,

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 wildlife supports or is 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 on the impacts of environmental degradation on cetaceans,

MINDFUL that the IWC with its specific responsibility in the management and conservation of whale stocks may have an interest in cooperating with other intergovernmental organizations with common concerns,

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION

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

INVITES Contracting Governments, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, to engage in processes related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 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 develop national legal frameworks to implementing the obligations of the IWC in support of the SDGs;

INVITES the private sector to engage in relevant dialogues with a view to finding common solutions and aligning policies and practices with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

EMPHASIZES the importance of the opportunities for livelihood support, national economies and community well-being that can be created through sustainably use of oceans, seas and marine resources;

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