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Amendment 1
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the IWC's ***moratorium on*** commercial whaling that came into effect in 1986,

Amendment

- having regard to the IWC's ***agreement on zero catch limits (the ‘moratorium’) for*** commercial whaling that came into effect in 1986,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Elsbeth Attwooll

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the meeting of the International Union for Conservation of Nature in Barcelona, 5-14 October 2008,***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the 1997 Treaty of Amsterdam amending the Treaty on European Union - Protocol on protection and welfare of animals¹.***

¹ OJ C 340, 10.11.1997, p. 110

Amendment 4
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the adoption by, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and its implementation by the EU, of a ban on international commercial trade in the products of all species of great whales,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas almost one in four cetacean species are currently regarded as under threat, with nine species listed as either endangered or critically endangered,

E. whereas almost one in four cetacean species are currently regarded as under threat, with nine species listed as either endangered or critically endangered, ***whilst the status of many species and populations remains unclear,***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas ***the situation of various types of whale has improved*** since the introduction of the moratorium,

Amendment

F. whereas ***although some whale populations have achieved some degree of recovery*** since the introduction of the moratorium, ***several remain critically depleted and endangered, and their ability to adapt to changing environmental conditions remains unknown,***

Or. en

Amendment 7

Carl Schlyter

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the situation of ***various types*** of whale has improved since the introduction of the moratorium,

Amendment

F. whereas the situation of ***certain stocks*** of whale has improved since the introduction of the moratorium, ***though others have not,***

Or. en

Amendment 8

Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the moratorium was originally ***intended to last only until an adequate management scheme was put in place,***

Amendment

G. whereas the moratorium was originally ***implemented to allow the IWC to “undertake a comprehensive assessment of the effects of this decision on whale populations and consider modification of this provision and the establishment of other catch limits”¹,***

¹ *Article 10e of the ICRW* <http://www.iwcoffice.co.uk/commission/schedule.htm>

Amendment 9
Carl Schlyter

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the moratorium was originally intended to last **only** until an adequate management scheme was put in place,

Amendment

G. whereas the moratorium was originally intended to last until an adequate management scheme was put in place **and to allow adequate time for depleted stocks to recover**,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas **not all members of the IWC subscribe** to the moratorium,

Amendment

H. whereas **Norway and the Russian Federation maintain objections** to the moratorium **and Iceland claims a reservation to it**,

Or. en

Amendment 11
Carl Schlyter

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the number of whales killed has actually increased since the introduction of

Amendment

J. whereas the number of whales killed **under Special Permit** has actually

the moratorium,

increased since the introduction of the moratorium,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the number of whales killed has **actually** increased since the introduction of the moratorium,

Amendment

J. whereas the number of whales killed has **steadily** increased since the introduction of the moratorium,

Or. en

Amendment 13
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas a number of NGOs and other bodies have expressed **doubts as to whether the scientific study of whales necessitates lethal practices and concerns that the meat derived from them is used for commercial purpose,**

Amendment

K. whereas **the IWC (in over 30 Resolutions) and** a number of NGOs and other bodies have expressed **deep concern that current special permit whaling is “contrary to the spirit of the moratorium on commercial whaling” (IWC2003-2); the meat from such whaling should not be used for commercial purposes; whaling in the name of science is unjustified and should cease,**

Or. en

Amendment 14
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas, *despite recent improvements, the methods by which whales are killed still fall short of the desired standard,*

Amendment

L. whereas *the weapons, hunting environment, size and physiology of whales present insurmountable obstacles to ensuring a swift and humane death for hunted whales,*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Carl Schlyter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Believes that the conservation of whales and other cetaceans depends ultimately on the development of measures that are the subject of *universal agreement*;

Amendment

2. Believes that the conservation of whales and other cetaceans depends ultimately on the development of measures that are the subject of *sufficiently broad agreement to be implemented effectively*;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Believes that the moratorium on commercial whaling, and the international ban on trade in whale products, continue to be essential with respect to both the conservation of whales

Amendment

and animal welfare concerns, and calls on the Council, the Commission and the Member States participating in the Working Group to ensure the maintenance of these measures as a priority in all negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Hopes that the Working Group will address the issue of lethal whaling for scientific purposes in order to find *a basis for eliminating it*;

Amendment

5. Hopes that the Working Group will address the issue of lethal whaling for scientific purposes *and whaling under objection or reservation* in order to find a *means to eliminate them*;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Carl Schlyter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Respects the need for a limited amount of hunting *to be done by those traditionally engaged in it for the purposes of food supply*, but calls for much greater emphasis on research into and the employment of humane killing methods;

Amendment

6. Respects the need for a limited amount of hunting *allowed by the IWC to meet documented subsistence needs*, but calls for much greater emphasis on research into and the employment of humane killing methods, *and does not support the expansion of the hunts with respect to species or numbers taken*;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for **any such hunting** to take place only **with clear** quotas based on scientific advice, under strict controls and with full recording;

Amendment

7. Calls for **Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling** to take place only **when the IWC recognises a clearly and quantitatively demonstrated subsistence and cultural need for whale products; limits it by** quotas based on scientific advice **from the IWC Scientific Committee; and regulates it** under strict controls **incorporating** full recording **and reporting to the IWC;**

Or. en

Amendment 20
Elsbeth Attwooll

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for any such hunting to take place only with clear quotas based on **scientific advice**, under strict controls and with full recording;

Amendment

7. Calls for any such hunting to take place only with clear quotas based on **the advice of the IWC Scientific Committee**, under strict controls and with full recording;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Carl Schlyter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for any such hunting to take place only with clear quotas based on **scientific advice**, under strict controls and with full recording;

Amendment

7. Calls for any such hunting to take place only with clear quotas based on **the advice of the IWC Scientific Committee**, under strict controls and with full recording;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls also for the establishment, in suitable locations around the world, of more **marine reserves** in which whales would receive special protection;

Amendment

8. Calls also for the establishment, in suitable locations around the world, of more **Marine Protected Areas** in which whales would receive special protection;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Duarte Freitas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Draws attention to the need to use more selective fishing gear to avoid by-catches of other species, particularly cetaceans;

Amendment

Or. pt

Amendment 24
Elsbeth Attwooll

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls *also* for threats to *the cetacean population* arising from climate change, pollution, ship strikes, fishing gear, *sonar* and other hazards to be tackled outside such protected areas;

Amendment

9. Calls for threats to *cetacean populations* arising from climate change, pollution, ship strikes, fishing gear, *underwater noise (including sonar, seismic surveys and vessel noise)* and other hazards to be tackled outside such protected areas;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Carl Schlyter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls also for threats to the cetacean population arising from climate change, pollution, ship strikes, fishing gear, *sonar* and other hazards to be tackled outside such protected areas;

Amendment

9. Calls also for threats to the cetacean population arising from climate change, pollution, ship strikes, fishing gear, *underwater noise (including sonar, seismic surveys and vessel noise)* and other hazards to be tackled outside such protected areas;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Paulo Casaca

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls also for threats to the cetacean population arising from climate change,

Amendment

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pollution, ship strikes, fishing gear, **sonar** and other hazards to be tackled outside such protected areas;

pollution, ship strikes, fishing gear, **anthropogenic ocean noise** and other hazards to be tackled outside such protected areas;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Duarte Freitas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Takes the view that the Commission should define a revised regulatory framework for the practice of whale-watching that protects the economic and social interests of coastal regions where this activity is carried out, taking account of its recent development;

Or. pt