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MINISTERS have the honour to state that the 1937 International Agreement for the regulation of whaling to which the Union Government is a signatory provides, inter alia, for the period to be determined in any annual season during which baleen whales may be taken or treated by whale catchers and factory ships.

MINISTERS have the honour to state further that this period during which the aforesaid whales may be taken or treated has been determined in respect of subsequent seasons by protocols to the original Agreement and signed on behalf of the various participating Governments.

MINISTERS are informed that in view of the world shortage of fats and oils it has been proposed by the United Kingdom Government that the current season should be extended from the 7th March 1947 to the 7th April 1947 and a protocol to give effect to this proposal has now been prepared and awaits signature.

MINISTERS, therefore, have the honour to recommend that, as it will be in the interests of the Union of South Africa to become a signatory to this protocol, His Excellency the Governor-General may be pleased to approve of the said protocol being signed on behalf of the Union Government by the Acting High Commissioner for the Union.

U. Smuts

Approved in anticipation of the next meeting of the Executive Council.	By voorbaat goedgekeur in afwagting van die volgende vergadering van die Uitvoerende Raad.
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13th March, 1947.

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