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MINUTE NO.

MINISTERS have the honour to refer to Executive Council Minute No. 2027 dated 20th May, 1948, authorising the late Field Marshal the Right Honourable Jan Christiaan Smuts to sign the instrument of ratification in respect of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling of 1946, which provides for the proper conservation of whale stocks and the orderly development of the whaling industry on an international basis.

MINISTERS have the honour to state that at the seventh meeting of the International Whaling Commission held at Moscow during July, 1955, it was resolved to amend the Convention as follows:-

(1) That the definition of 'whale catcher' in sub-paragraph 3 of Article II be substituted by the following -

"3. 'whale catcher' means a helicopter, or other aircraft or a ship, used for the purpose of hunting, taking, killing, towing, holding on to, or scouting for whales";

(11) by the addition of the following sub-paragraph to paragraph 1 of Article V which empowers the Commission to amend the Schedule to the Convention by adopting regulations with respect to the conservation and utilization of whale resources -

"(1) methods of inspection".

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MINISTERS have the honour to state that a Protocol embodying the abovementioned amendments to the Convention, a copy of which is attached in the form of an annexure, will be opened for signature by the Government of the United States of America and that the Protocol shall enter into force on the date upon which instruments of ratification have been deposited with, or written notification of adherence have been received by the Government of the United States of America on behalf of all the contracting Governments to the 1946 Whaling Convention.

MINISTERS are satisfied that it is in the interests of the Union Government to sign the Protocol giving effect to the resolutions adopted by the International Whaling Commission at its 7th meeting.

MINISTERS accordingly recommend that His Excellency may be pleased to approve of the Honourable the Minister of External Affairs being authorised to issue a Full Power to the Union's Ambassador in Washington, Dr. J.E. Holloway, to accept and sign the aforesaid Protocol on behalf of the Union of South Africa.

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PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
REGULATION OF WHALING SIGNED AT WASHINGTON
UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 2, 1946.

The Contracting Governments (parties) to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling signed at Washington under date of December 2, 1946, which Convention is hereinafter referred to as the 1946 Whaling Convention, desiring to extend the application of that Convention to helicopters and other aircraft and to include provisions on methods of inspection among those Schedule provisions which may be amended by the Commission, agree as follows:

Article I

Subparagraph 3 of Article II of the 1946 Whaling Convention shall be amended to read as follows:

"3. 'whale catcher' means a helicopter, or other aircraft, or a ship, used for the purpose of hunting, taking, killing, towing, holding on to, or scouting for whales."

Article II

Paragraph 1 of Article V of the 1946 Whaling Convention shall be amended by deleting the word "and" preceding clause (h), substituting a semicolon for the period at the end of the paragraph, and adding the following language: "and (i) methods of inspection".

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Article III (II)

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature and ratification or for adherence on behalf of any Contracting Government (party) to the 1946 Whaling Convention.

2. This Protocol shall enter into force on the date upon which instruments of ratification have been deposited with, or written notifications of adherence have been received by, the Government of the United States of America on behalf of all the Contracting Governments (parties) to the 1946 Whaling Convention.

3. The Government of the United States of America shall inform all Governments signatory or adhering to the 1946 Whaling Convention of all ratifications deposited and adherences received.

4. This Protocol shall bear the date on which it is opened for signature and shall remain open for signature for a period of fourteen days thereafter, following which period it shall be open for adherence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Protocol.

DONE in Washington this day of
in the English language, the original of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America. The Government of the United States of America shall transmit certified copies thereof to all Governments signatory or adhering to the 1946 Whaling Convention.

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