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| PRETORIA | Goedgekeur in Uitvoerende Raad | Approved in Executive Council |
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| MINUTE NO. | Aast. Klerk van die Uitvoerende Raad | |
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MINISTERS have the honour to refer His Excellency the Governor-General to Executive Council Minute No. 3085 dated 4th January, 1956, authorising the Union's Ambassador in Washington at that time to sign a Protocol on behalf of the Union of South Africa to amend the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The said Protocol provided for the re-defining of the term "whale catcher" and for the amendment of the Schedule to the Convention by the addition to the powers of the International Whaling Commission of "methods of inspection".

MINISTERS have the honour to state that the Protocol was proposed at the Seventh Meeting of the International Whaling Commission in July, 1955, and was intended to enter into force on the date upon which instruments of ratification had been deposited with, or written notifications of adherence had been received by the Government of the United States of America on behalf of all the Contracting Governments to the 1946 Whaling Convention.

MINISTERS have the honour to inform his Excellency that by the time of the Eighth Meeting of the Commission in July, 1956, so little progress had, however, been made by the Signatory Governments concerned that the Commission, in the interests of accelerated action, resolved to ask the Depository Government to open the Protocol for signature on the basis of acceptances received to date, viz. ten in number (including South Africa) out of seventeen Signatory Governments.

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MINISTERS have the honour to state that the Protocol was consequently amended by providing in Article III.2 that the Protocol shall enter into force with respect to those Governments by which and on the dates upon which instruments of ratification were deposited with or written notifications of adherence had been received by the Government of the United States of America on behalf of ten Governments. The Protocol shall enter into force with respect to each Government which subsequently ratifies or adheres on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification or the receipt of its notification.

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 Eighth Meeting in July, 1956.

MINISTERS accordingly have the honour to 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, Mr. W.C. du Plessis, to accept and sign the aforesaid Protocol, a copy of which is attached in the form of an annexure, 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 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".

Article III

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

2. 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 ten Governments this Protocol shall enter into force with respect to those Governments.

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This Protocol shall enter into force with respect to each Government which subsequently ratifies or adheres on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification or the receipt of its notification of adherence.

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 fifth day of November, 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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FOR SWEDEN:

FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:

FOR THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS:

FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND:

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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