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Moreover the Assembly has noted and supports the following resolution passed by the XIth Conference of the International Committee for Bird Preservation (I.C.B.P.), as it applies to the Mediterranean regions :

" Having noted that there is still a widespread prejudice against birds of prey, this Conference urges National Sections to undertake propaganda by films, leaflet and other appropriate means, especially in favour of those species beneficial to agriculture, condemns two practices in particular, viz.:

"1° the blacklisting of certain birds of prey as harmful ;

" 2° the system of payment of-rewards...for the destruction of any species of bird of prey including owls.

<sup>11</sup> Having noted that scientific investigations have shown birds of prey, including owls, to be generally harmless, recommends that they should all be protected in all countries, with the proviso that, when it is necessary to make an exception, special orders or permits to shoot should be required and in granting such orders or permits specialists in nature conservation and bird protection should be consulted".