

#### **D. Moratorium on commercial whaling**

**The General Assembly of IUCN**, at its 14th Session, Ashkhabad, USSR, 26 September-5 October 1978,  
RESOLVES that:

- (a) IUCN shall continue to call for a moratorium on commercial whaling until it can be demonstrated:
  - (i) that the population levels referred to under the International Whaling Commission's New Management Procedure as protection stocks, sustained management stocks and initial management stocks can be determined accurately;
  - (ii) that the consequences for the ecosystems concerned of removing large portions of the whales' populations, and such populations' capacity for recovery can be predicted;
  - (iii) that an effective mechanism exists for detecting and correcting mistakes in the management of any stock;
  - (iv) that whaling technology and equipment are no longer being transferred to non-member nations of IWC;
  - (v) that member nations of IWC are no longer purchasing whale products from non-member nations.
- (b) IUCN and its members shall work together vigorously to ensure that the above conditions are met as soon as possible.
- (c) IUCN and its members shall actively promote adherence to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling by all nations, both whaling and non-whaling.

