RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL REPORTS

RECALLING paragraph 2.5 of the Agreement requesting Parties to submit to the Secretariat a brief report not later than 31 March each year, covering progress made and difficulties experienced during the past calendar year in implementing the Agreement;

RECOGNIZING that a standard format for such national reports would provide a useful structure for organising the information received, and would facilitate the incorporation of relevant parts of the reports into a database;

NOTING the importance for such national reports to be submitted in due time to the Secretariat in order to facilitate its task in accordance with paragraph 4.2 to compile a summary of the national reports before 30 June each year;

DECIDES to:

URGE all Parties to submit to the Secretariat national reports on their implementation of the Agreement following the agreed guidelines annexed to this resolution;

INSTRUCT the Secretariat well in advance of the deadline of 31 March each year to invite non-Party Range States to provide the Secretariat with information on their status in relation to the Agreement as well as information concerning items B.1.-B.11. in the annexed guidelines for national reports;

ENCOURAGE national Coordinating Authorities to cooperate with relevant institutions in their country on the preparation of national reports.

Guidelines for national reports

A. General Information

- Name of Party
- Date of the Report
- Period covered
- Changes regarding:

Coordinating Authority Appointed member of the Advisory Committee Membership of other committees/working groups

B. Measures taken to implement the Conservation and Management Plan

There are to be reports on activities and summaries of results in relation to the Action Plan and Resolutions as well as other measures taken by the Party under the following headings:

Preamble: Indication of institutions engaged in activities reported.

- 1. Reduction of Pollution
- 1.1 Collation/Information gaining/Assessments
- 1.2 Research
- 1.3 Management measures
- 2. Reduction of Direct Interactions with Fisheries
- 2.1 Collation/Information gaining/Assessments
- 2.2 Research
- 2.3 Management measures
- 3. Reduction of Indirect Interactions with Fisheries
- 3.1 Collation/Information gaining/Assessments
- 3.2 Research
- 3.3 Management measures
- 4. Reduction of Disturbance
- 4.1 Collation/Information gaining/Assessments
- 4.2 Research
- 4.3 Management measures
- 5. Protected Areas
- 5.1 Collation/Information gaining/Assessments
- 5.2 Research
- 5.3 Management measures
- 6. Monitoring, Status and Populations Studies
- 6.1 Collation/Information gaining/Assessments
- 6.2 Research
- 7. Advocacy/Information/Education
- 8. Administration measures
- 9. Establishment of Databases
- 10. Publications
- 11. List of ongoing Research Projects

12. New National Legislation for comparative study and reference

C. Functioning of the Agreement

Cooperation with other Range States