

ARTICLE 3

(i) During the first season, the number of baleen whales caught in the area referred to in Article 7 of the 1937 Agreement shall not exceed 16,000 blue whale units.

(ii) For the purposes of paragraph (i) of this article, blue whale units shall be calculated on the basis that one blue whale equals—

- (a) 2 fin whales, or
- (b) $2\frac{1}{2}$ humpback whales, or
- (c) 6 sei whales.

(iii) The Government of the United Kingdom shall consult all the Governments who have given notice under Article 1 (ii) of this agreement in order to arrange by co-operation and agreement the measures necessary to ensure that the total number of baleen whales caught during the first season does not exceed the number specified in paragraph (i) of this article.

ARTICLE 4

In the absence of agreement to the contrary none of the provisions of the present protocol shall operate except in the first season.

ARTICLE 5

The present protocol shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification deposited as soon as possible with the Government of the United Kingdom.

ARTICLE 6

(i) The present protocol shall be open to accession on behalf of any Government which was a party to the 1937 Agreement and has not signed the present protocol.

(ii) Accession shall be effected by means of a notification addressed to the Government of the United Kingdom.

ARTICLE 7

(i) The Government of the United Kingdom shall inform the Governments of the United States of America, Canada, Eire, Mexico, New Zealand and Norway of all ratifications of this protocol or accessions thereto.

(ii) The present protocol shall come into force as soon as ratifications or accessions have been deposited on behalf of all Governments referred to in paragraph (i) of this article and of the Government of the United Kingdom.

(iii) The ratification of or accession to the present protocol by a Government which is a signatory but not a party to the Agreement of 1937 shall not become effective until such Government becomes a party to that agreement by ratification.

In witness whereof the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized to this effect by their respective Governments, have signed the present protocol and affixed thereto their seals.

Done at London this 7th day of February, 1944, in a single copy which shall remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the United Kingdom by whom certified copies will be transmitted to all the Governments referred to in Article 7(i).