

Done in London the twenty-sixth day of November, 1945, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of which certified copies shall be transmitted to all signatory Governments.

(Here follow the names of the signatories for the Union of South Africa, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Mexico, Netherlands, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.)

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The Governments of the Union of South Africa, the Commonwealth of Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America;

Desiring, in view of the fact that pelagic whaling operations in the area defined by Article 7 of the international Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling, signed at London on the 8th June, 1937 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Agreement), as amended by the Protocol signed at London on the 24th June, 1938 (hereinafter referred to as the Protocol of 1938), have been interrupted for a considerable period by the war, and in order to meet the emergency produced by post-war conditions without prejudice to the conservation of stocks of whales, to put into force by agreement such provisions as may be necessary in regard to pelagic whaling for the season 1946/47;

Have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE 1

Subject to the provisions of Article 3 of the present Protocol, the period fixed by Article 7 of the Principal Agreement, during which factory ships or whalecatchers attached thereto may be used for the purpose of taking or treating baleen whales, shall be extended for the season 1946/47 so as to cover the period from the 8th December to the 7th April inclusive.

ARTICLE 2

Each contracting Government shall give notice to the Government of the United Kingdom when factory ships registered under the law of any territory under its authority or otherwise under its jurisdiction engage in whaling operations in the area defined by Article 7 of the Principal Agreement. The Government of the United Kingdom will inform the other contracting Governments of all notices received under this paragraph and shall itself similarly give notice to the other contracting Governments if factory ships registered under the law of any territory under its authority or otherwise under its jurisdiction engage in whaling operations in the said area.

ARTICLE 3

The prohibition contained in Article 1 of the Protocol of 1938 relating to the taking of hump back whales in any waters south of 40° south latitude shall apply during the season of 1946/47.