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ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT to paragraph 6 and addition of paragraphs, following paragraph 6:

6. Conservation measures shall become binding upon Contracting Parties ninety (90) days following notification of the measure by the Commission to each of the Contracting Parties except as provided in paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 below.

7. A Contracting Party may present an objection to a conservation measure only if it considers such measure to be inconsistent either with Article II or with Articles IV, XIX, and/or XXI of this Convention. A Contracting Party shall state to the Commission which of these articles it considers the measure to be inconsistent with in presenting its objection.

8. If a Contracting Party presents an objection to a conservation measure, within ninety (90) days of its notification by the Commission and states it to be inconsistent with Articles IV, XIX and/or XXI of this Convention, that conservation measure shall not enter into force for any Contracting Parties.

9. If a Contracting Party presents an objection to a conservation measure, within ninety (90) days of its notification by the Commission and declares it to be inconsistent with Article II of this Convention, the following procedure shall be followed:

(a) Such measure shall not become effective for an additional sixty (60) days;

(b) Thereupon any other Contracting Party may similarly present an objection prior to the expiration of the additional sixty (60) day period, or within thirty (30) days of the date of the notification of an objection made by another Contracting Party within such additional sixty (60) days, whichever date shall be the later;
(c) The conservation measure shall become effective at the end of the period or periods for objection only for those Contracting Parties which have not presented an objection, unless a simple majority of Contracting Parties have presented an objection in which case the conservation measure shall not enter into force;

(d) Any Contracting Party which has objected to a conservation measure on the grounds of its inconsistency with Article II of this Convention may at any time withdraw that objection and the measure shall become effective for that Contracting Party, immediately if already in force or at such time as it may become effective under this paragraph.

10. The Commission shall notify each Contracting Party immediately upon receipt of each objection, of each withdrawal of an objection, and of the entry into force of each conservation measure.

ARTICLE X

1. Each member of the Commission shall have one vote.

2. Every effort shall be made to take decisions by consensus.

3. Decisions on all matters of substance, if not taken by consensus, shall be taken by a (two-thirds) majority of the members of the Commission present and voting. The question whether a matter is one of substance shall be treated as a matter of substance.
4. All decisions other than those referred to in paragraph 3, if not taken by consensus, shall be taken by a simple majority of the members of the Commission present and voting.

5. The provisions of this article shall not affect the operation of Article XVII of this Convention.