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FOR IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON
CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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REVIEW OF ONGOING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES
RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The International Whaling Commission's resolution on the
Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Note by the secretariat

At its fifty-third annual meeting in July 2001, the International Whaling Commission adopted resolution 2001-10 on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Attached to the present note is the text of that resolution as provided by the secretariat of the International Whaling Commission. The information provided has not been formally edited.

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Resolution 2001-10

**RESOLUTION ON THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION
ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS**

WHEREAS persistent organic pollutants are seriously polluting the environment and its living resources including whales, and may have significant negative health impacts on consumers of marine mammal products,

RECALLING that the negative effects of persistent organic pollutants upon cetaceans have been repeatedly recognised by the International Whaling Commission since 1981,

NOTING the International Whaling Commission with its specific responsibility in the management and conservation of whale stocks may have a mutual interest in supporting the ratification of international treaties with overlapping concerns,

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION

CONGRATULATES the conclusion of the 2001 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and

ENCOURAGES Contracting Governments to sign, ratify and adhere to the new Convention

REQUESTS that the Secretariat transmits this text to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention