

be provided that the transfer of a factory ship or whale catcher from its national Flag to the Flag of any other country should be permitted only under licence of the Government.

10. The Conference believes that the regulations upon which it has agreed will certainly contribute to the maintenance of the stock of whales and to the prosperity of the whaling industry. Not all the representatives of Governments present at the Conference have been able to sign the Agreement, some of them not being authorised by their Governments in that behalf. It is hoped that all Governments represented will eventually accede to the Agreement. The Conference desires to urge upon the contracting Governments that they should use their utmost endeavours to secure the adhesion of such Powers as are interested in the whaling industry but were not represented at the present Conference. The Conference recognises that the purpose of the present Agreement may be defeated by the development of unregulated whaling by other countries, in which case it would be a matter for consideration whether the present Agreement should be continued in force, or whether the contracting Governments should not agree to modify their regulations to meet the situation thus created, or even to permit their nationals to pursue whaling without regulation, so that they may derive from its pursuit such benefit as may be had before the stock of whales has been reduced to a level at which whaling ceases to be remunerative. For the Conference is convinced that, unless whaling is now strictly regulated, that eventuality cannot be regarded as remote.

11. In conclusion, the Conference desires to urge that a further Conference should be held at a convenient time next year, at which the results of the forthcoming

Deltager i denne Overenskomst, og Konferencen henstiller, at der i dette Øjemed træffes saadanne Forholdsregler, at Overførsel af et flydende Kogeri eller en Hvalfanger fra det nationale Flag til et Flag tilhørende et andet Land kun skal kunne finde Sted efter Tilladelse fra vedkommende Regering.

10. Konferencen er af den Formening, at de Bestemmelser, man er blevet enige om, vil bidrage til Opretholdelse af Hvalbestanden og til Hvalfangstindustriens Trivsel. Ikke alle Regeringsrepræsentanter, som har været til Stede paa Konferencen, har været i Stand til at undertegne Overenskomsten, da enkelte af dem ikke havde Fuldmagt dertil fra deres Regering. Man haaber, at alle Regeringer, som har været repræsenteret paa Konferencen, senere vil tiltræde Overenskomsten. Konferencen ønsker at henstille til de kontraherende Regeringer af al Magt at bestræbe sig for at bevæge andre Regeringer, der er interesseret i Hvalfangst, men ikke har været repræsenteret paa Konferencen, til at tiltræde Overenskomsten. Konferencen erkender, at Formaalet med nærværende Overenskomst kan blive forpurret ved Udviklingen af den ikke regulerede Hvalfangst fra andre Landes Side. I saa Fald maa det overvejes, hvorvidt nærværende Overenskomst skal forblive i Kraft, eller hvorvidt de kontraherende Regeringer bør enes om at ændre de af dem trufne regulerende Bestemmelser af Hensyn til den derved opstaaede Situation eller endog tillade deres Undersaatter at drive Hvalfangst uden regulerende Bestemmelser, for at de kan nyde godt af de Fordele af Hvalfangsten, som maatte kunne høstes, før Hvalbestanden er blevet bragt ned til et Niveau, hvor Fangsten ikke mere er lønnende. Thi Konferencen er overbevist om, at denne Mulighed ikke kan betragtes som fjern, medmindre Hvalfangsten nu underkastes en streng Regulering.

11. Til Slut ønsker Konferencen indtrængende at henstille, at en ny Conference afholdes paa et belejligt Tidspunkt næste Aar, paa hvilken Conference Resultaterne