

to engage profitably in whaling if the open season in the Antarctic were further curtailed; and that a further curtailment of the open season would increase the temptation to evade the provisions of Articles 11 and 12 of the Principal Agreement, which are designed to secure that the fullest possible use shall be made of all whales taken.

9. With regard to method (b), a proposal was put forward that the number of whale catchers attached to any expedition should be limited to seven, but the Conference was unable to reach agreement either upon this proposal or upon any limitation in the number of whale catchers.

10. Although method (c) was advocated by the Whaling Committee of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea as the most effective restriction of undue exploitation of the whale stock, the Conference did not feel able at the present time to recommend its adoption.

11. The Conference could not agree on the application of method (d). In particular, objection was taken to this method on the ground that its incidence would be unfair, in that it would limit the operations of the most efficient factory ships and have little, if any, effect upon the operations of the smaller and less efficient factory ships. The question whether different maxima might be fixed for different expeditions according to their capacity was raised, but it was clear that agreement would not be reached on this basis.

12. Although the Conference was unable to agree to the immediate adoption of methods (b), (c) or (d), there was a strong feeling that these were matters calling for further expert examination by all the Governments concerned, with a view to their consideration at a subsequent Conference.

Ekspeditioner, om overhovedet nogen, vilde være i Stand til at drive lønnende Hvalfangst, dersom Fangstperioden i det antarktiske Ocean blev yderligere begrænset, og at en yderligere Begrænsning af Fangstperioden vilde forøge Fristelsen til Overtrædelse af Bestemmelserne i Artiklerne 11 og 12 i Hovedoverenskomsten, som gaar ud paa at sikre det størst mulige Udbytte af de fangne Hvaler.

9. Med Hensyn til den under b anviste Metode blev der fremsat Forslag om, at Antallet af Hvalfangere knyttet til hver Ekspedition skulde begrænses til 7, men Konferencen var ikke i Stand til at naa til Enighed, hverken med Hensyn til dette Forslag eller med Hensyn til en hvilken som helst anden Begrænsning af Antallet af Hvalfangere.

10. Skønt den under c anførte Metode var anbefalet af Hvalfangststudvalget under Det internationale Raad for Havundersøgelser som den mest effektive Begrænsning af utilbørlig Udnyttelse af Hvalbestanden, saa Konferencen sig ikke i Stand til for nærværende at anbefale Anvendelsen af denne Metode.

11. Konferencen kunde ikke naa til Enighed om Anvendelsen af den under d nævnte Metode. Navnlig rejstes der Indvending mod denne Metode ud fra det Synspunkt, at den i Praksis vilde virke uretfærdig, idet den vilde begrænse de mest effektive flydende Kogeriets Virksomhed og have ringe eller slet ingen Indflydelse paa de mindre og mindre effektive flydende Kogeriets Virksomhed. Spørgsmaalet om, hvorvidt der burde fastsættes forskellig Maksimalproduktion for de forskellige Ekspeditioner i Forhold til deres Kapacitet, blev fremsat, men det var klart, at Enighed ikke kunde opnaas paa dette Grundlag.

12. Skønt Konferencen var ude af Stand til at enes om øjeblikkelig Vedtagelse af de under b, c og d nævnte Metoder, var det den almindelige Mening, at dette var Spørgsmaal, der krævede yderligere sagkyndig Undersøgelse af vedkommende Regeringer med Henblik paa en senere Konferencé.