

whales should have been killed. The Conference, therefore, expresses the hope that, with a view to the preservation of the remainder of these most interesting mammals, the Governments concerned should sternly enforce the provisions of Article 4 of the Principal Agreement.

23. The Conference took note of a statement by Dr. Mackintosh of the proposals of the Discovery Committee for enlisting the support of whaling enterprises in the continuation and development of whale marking as carried out by the Committee. The Conference also heard a statement from the German Delegation as to the steps which the German Government propose to take for the marking of whales. The Conference expressed the hope that the Governments and the whaling enterprises concerned will do their best to encourage the development of whale marking, which, in the view of the Conference, is likely to make an important contribution to the knowledge of the movement of whales which has a very close bearing upon the problem of conservation of whales.

24. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Final Act of the Conference of 1937, it was reported that the Governments of Germany and Norway had acquired the necessary powers to deal with transfers of ships registered in their territories, and that the Government of the United States of America already possessed those powers. The Conference expressed the hope that other countries would take steps to acquire similar powers at an early date.

25. In conclusion, the Conference suggested that the question of holding a future Conference should be left to the consideration of the Governments concerned, in the light of developments.

Done in London the 24th day of June, 1938, in a single copy, which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by whom certified copies shall be communicated to all the signatory Governments.

Regeringer af Hensyn til Bevarelsen af Resten af disse højst interessante Pattedyr med haard Haand vil gennemføre Bestemmelserne i Artikel 4 i Hovedoverenskomsten.

23. Konferencen tog til Efterretning Dr. Mackintosh's Beretning om det af „Discovery Committee“ fremsatte Forslag om at faa Hvalfangerforetagender interesseret i at støtte Fortsættelsen og Udviklingen af den af Komiteen foretagne Mærkning af Hvaler. Konferencen fik ligeledes forelagt en Redegørelse fra den tyske Delegation om de Skridt, den tyske Regering har til Hensigt at tage med Hensyn til Mærkning af Hvaler. Konferencen udtalte Haabet om, at Regeringerne og vedkommende Hvalfangstforetagender vilde gøre deres bedste for at fremme Mærkningen af Hvaler, hvilket efter Konferencens Mening sandsynligvis vil yde et vigtigt Bidrag til Kendskabet om Hvalernes Bevægelser, der har meget nær Tilknytning til Problemet om Hvalbestandens Bevarelse.

24. For saa vidt angaar Stk. 9 i Slutprotokollen for Konferencen af 1937 meddeltes det, at den tyske og den norske Regering havde tilvejebragt den fornødne Lovhjemmel til at befatte sig med Spørgsmaalet om Overførsel af de i deres Territorium indregistrerede Skibe, og at De Forenede Staters Regering allerede havde saadan Lovhjemmel. Konferencen udtalte Haabet om, at ogsaa andre Lande vilde foretage Skridt til snarest muligt at skaffe sig lignende Lovhjemmel.

25. Sluttelig foreslog Konferencen, at Spørgsmaalet om Afholdelse af en fremtidig Conference skulde overlades til de paagældende Regeringers Overvejelse under Hensyntagen til den stedfindende Udvikling.

Udfærdiget i London den 24. Juni 1938 i et enkelt Eksemplar, som skal deponeres i Det Forenede Kongerige Storbritannien og Nordirlands Regeringsarkiver. Bekræftede Afskrifter skal af Det Forenede Kongeriges Regering tilstilles Signatarmagternes Regeringer.