

SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL
REGARDING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE
WHALING PROTOCOL OF 26 NOVEMBER 1945, SIGNED
ON BEHALF OF NEW ZEALAND ON 12 MARCH 1947

The Governments of the Union of South Africa, the Commonwealth of Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Having ratified or acceded to the Protocol signed in London on 26th November, 1945 (hereinafter called "The Protocol"), amending the International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling signed in London on 8th June, 1937, as amended by the Protocols of 24th June, 1938, and 7th February, 1944 ;

Considering that it is provided under paragraph (i) of Article VIII of the Protocol that the Protocol shall come into force in its entirety when all the Governments referred to in the preamble of the Protocol shall have deposited their instruments of ratification or given notification of accession ;

Considering further that ratifications or accessions have been deposited on behalf of all the Governments referred to in the preamble of the Protocol with the exception of the Governments of Mexico and the Netherlands ; and

Desiring that the Protocol should be brought into force in its entirety without awaiting ratification by the Governments of Mexico and the Netherlands ;

Have decided to conclude a Supplementary Protocol for this purpose and have agreed as follows :—

ARTICLE I

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (i) of Article VIII of the Protocol, the Protocol shall, on the signature of the present Supplementary Protocol, come into force with respect to Governments signing the present Supplementary Protocol immediately upon signature by them.

ARTICLE II

The present Supplementary Protocol shall bear the date on which it is opened for signature and shall remain open for signature for a period of fourteen days thereafter.