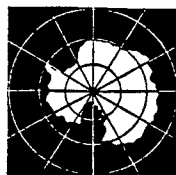


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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON
PROTECTION OF THE ANTARCTIC ENVIRONMENT AND
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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

PROTECTION OF THE ANTARCTIC
ENVIRONMENT AND OF ITS DEPENDENT
AND ASSOCIATED ECOSYSTEMS

Recalling Articles V and IX (1) (f) of the Antarctic Treaty, Recommendations VI-4, VII-1, VIII-13 and IX-5 (the London Declaration) setting out general principles for the protection of the Antarctic environment;

Recalling, also:

- (i) the Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora and associated Recommendations (I-VIII, II-II, III-IX, IV-10, IV-18, IV-19, IV-20, VI-9),
- (ii) the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals,
- (iii) the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources,
- (iv) the Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities,
- (v) Recommendations relating to the Antarctic Protected Area System, namely:
 - (a) Specially Protected Areas, IV-1 to IV-5, IV-7 to IV-9, IV-11, IV-13 to IV-15, VI-10, VIII-11, XIII-10 to XIII-13, and associated Recommendations, VII-2, VIII-2 and XIII-14;
 - (b) Sites of Special Scientific Interest, VII-3, VIII-3, VIII-4, X-5, X-6, XII-5, XIII-7, XIII-9, XIV-4 to XIV-6;

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- (c) Historic sites and monuments, I-IX,
V-4, VI-14, VII-9, XIV-8.
- (vi) the Code of Conduct for Antarctic expeditions
and station activities, Recommendations VIII-II,
XII-4 and XIII-4;
- (vii) Recommendations relating to the effects of
Antarctic tourism and non-governmental
expeditions, IV-27, VI-7, VII-4, VIII-9,
X-8 and XI-3;
- (viii) Recommendations relating to the use of radio-
isotopes, VI-5 and VI-6;
- (ix) Recommendations relating to oil contamination,
IX-6 and X-7;
- (x) References in the Reports of the XIIth and
XIIIth ATCMs and in the ^{Final} ~~French~~ Act of the
Fourth SCM to the Uses of Antarctic Ice;
- (xi) Recommendation VIII-12 relating to the
prohibition on the disposal of nuclear
waste; and
- (xii) Recommendations relating to environmental
impact assessment procedures, XII-3,
XIV-2 and XIV-3;

Recognising the need to enhance the protection of
the Antarctic environment;

Recommend to their Governments that:

1. An Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting be
convened in 1990 with the following terms of reference:

- (i) To review existing measures for the
protection of the Antarctic environment
and the conservation of Antarctic wildlife;

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- (ii) In the light of the above review and taking account of other components of the Antarctic Treaty System, to identify areas of activity, and possible future activity, in respect of which environmental protection and wildlife conservation might be enhanced by the adoption of additional measures;
- (iii) To consider in the case of each existing or additional measure whether its effectiveness would be enhanced by being cast in mandatory terms;
- (iv) To consider what additional steps might be taken to ensure compliance with existing or additional measures;
- (v) To consider questions of response action and liability with respect to environmental damage caused by Antarctic activities other than mineral activity;
- (vi) To consider the extent to which environmental protection and wildlife conservation might be enhanced by the adoption of general principles of environmental protection and wildlife conservation; and
- (vii) To consider the form or forms in which agreements reached might most effectively be cast.

2. They convene in 1990, in accordance with the Final Act of the Fourth Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, a meeting to embark on the elaboration of a Liability Protocol under Article 8(7) of the Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities.