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POINT 7 OF THE AGENDA

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION  
OF WILD LIFE IN THE ANTARCTIC

ARTICLE I

The provisions of the present Convention shall apply to the area south of 60 South Latitude, including all ice shelves, but nothing in this Convention shall prejudice or in any way affect the rights, or the exercise of the rights, of any State under international law with regard to the high seas within that area.

ARTICLE II

In this Convention "native mammal" means any individual, at any stage of the life cycle, of any species belonging to the Class Mammalia excepting members of the Order Cetacea (whales) indigenous to the Antarctic or occurring there by natural agencies of dispersal. Similarly, "native bird" means any individual, at any stage of the life cycle (including eggs), of any species of the Class Aves indigenous to the Antarctic or occurring there by natural agencies of dispersal. "Plant" means any kind of vegetation at any stage of the life cycle (including seeds).

ARTICLE III

Each Contracting Party shall prohibit the killing, wounding, capturing or molesting of any native mammal or bird, as well as all attempts to kill, wound, capture or molest them, except as provided in Article IV of the present Convention.

ARTICLE IV

(1) Notwithstanding the provision of Article III of the present Convention, and subject to the provision of subparagraph (2) of this Article and of Articles VI and VII of the present Convention, any appropriate Authority may expressly permit the killing or capturing of any native mammal or bird for the following purposes:

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- (a) to provide food for men or dogs,
- (b) to provide scientific specimens, or to obtain scientific information, or to provide specimens for museums, zoological gardens, or other educational or cultural uses,
- (c) to provide specimens for a private collection,
- (d) to provide specimens or products for commercial purposes.

(2) The permission granted by the appropriate Authority in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) of this Article must state the species and number of native mammals or birds affected by it.

(3) In this Article, and in Article V, "appropriate Authority" means the Government of the Contracting Party of which the person concerned is a national or which has organized or is responsible for the expedition or station of which that person is a member, or any body or person nominated by such Government for the purpose in question.

#### ARTICLE V

Each Contracting Party shall prohibit the private possession, or the buying or selling, or attempts to buy or sell, any native mammal or bird or product derived therefrom, unless the possession of or dealing in such mammals and birds has been authorized by the appropriate Authority.

#### ARTICLE VI

Species of native mammal or bird which merit special protection shall, with the agreement of the Contracting Parties to the Antarctic Treaty whose representatives are entitled to participate in the meetings provided for under Article IX of that Treaty, be designated by them as "absolutely protected species", and once thus designated each Contracting Party to the present Convention shall prohibit the killing, capturing, wounding or molesting of such mammals and birds except for purposes of scientific study or in an emergency.

#### ARTICLE VII

Areas which are of outstanding scientific interest shall, with the agreement of the Contracting Parties to the Antarctic Treaty whose representatives are entitled to participate in the meetings provided for under Article IX of that Treaty, be designated by them as "absolute sanctuaries", and within areas

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thus designated each Contracting Party to the present Convention shall prohibit the killing, capturing, wounding or molesting of any native mammal or bird except for scientific purposes or in an emergency. Subject to the provisions of Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty, they shall furthermore prohibit the interference with such areas by the structural alteration of the terrain, the construction of installations, the overflying of aircraft or helicopters at low altitudes, the passage of vehicles or parties on foot, or any other activity likely to disturb or alter the habitat, other than for purposes of scientific research or in an emergency.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Additional areas shall be designated by the Contracting Parties to the Antarctic Treaty whose representatives are entitled to participate in the meetings provided for under Article IX of that Treaty, as "Nature Reserve" for the express purpose of safeguarding and perpetuating the natural communities of animals which they contain. Recognising that some human interference within Nature Reserves is unavoidable, each Contracting Party shall take the necessary measures to ensure that wild life in these Reserves is maintained as far as possible in its natural state.

#### ARTICLE IX

Each Contracting Party shall prohibit the importation into the Antarctic of any species of animal or plants which does not naturally occur there, apart from:

- (a) sledge dogs,
- (b) domestic stock or other animals to be kept under controlled conditions for scientific research or for food.
- (c) domestic plants to be kept under controlled conditions for scientific research or for food.

Each Contracting Party shall also prevent any alien species thus imported from ranging or spreading without restriction in any part of the Antarctic.

#### ARTICLE X

The Contracting Parties may make such arrangements as they consider necessary for:

- (a) collecting records of the numbers of each species of native bird and mammal killed or captured annually in the Antarctic;

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- (b) obtaining information as to the status of native birds and animals in the Antarctic, and the extent to which any species needs protection;
- (c) obtaining advice as to the permissible harvest of native birds or mammals for food, commercial exploitation, or other uses, in various regions;
- (d) obtaining advice as to the species which should be designated "absolutely protected species" under Article VI above, the areas which should be designated "absolute sanctuaries" under Article VII above, and the areas which should be designated "nature reserves" under Article VIII above;
- (e) preparing and circulating to organising authorities, expeditions, and stations, lists of absolutely protected species, lists of absolute sanctuaries and nature reserves, a brochure explaining the aims of these proposals, and other literature relevant to the conservation of wild life.

ARTICLE XI

Each of the Contracting Parties undertakes to exert appropriate efforts, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, to the end that no one engages in any activity in the Antarctic contrary to the principles or purposes of the present Convention.

ARTICLE XII

The present Convention may be modified or amended at any time by unanimous agreement of the Contracting Parties. Any such modification or amendment shall enter into force when the depositary Government has received notice from all the Contracting Parties that they have ratified it.

ARTICLE XIII

(1) The present Convention shall be open to accession by any State which is a Contracting Party to the Antarctic Treaty.

(2) The present Convention shall be subject to ratification by each acceding State, in accordance with its constitutional processes. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of .....hereby designated as the depositary Government. That Government shall inform all acceding States of the date of each deposit of an instrument of ratification, the date of entry into force of the Convention and of any modification or amendment thereto.

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(3) Upon the deposit of an instrument of ratification by any acceding State, the present Convention shall enter into force for that State.

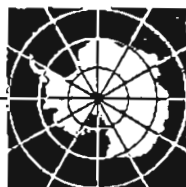
(4) The present Convention shall be registered by the depository Government pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nation

ARTICLE XIV

The present Convention, done in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each version being equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the depository Government, which shall transmit duly certified copies thereof to the Governments of all acceding States.

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