

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 8.1
GRANTING THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area:

Recalling Article III, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the Agreement regarding the right to vote,

Recalling Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties, which provides that “Representatives of Parties which are three or more years behind in paying their subscriptions on the date of the opening session of the Meeting of the Parties shall not be eligible to vote. However, the Meeting of the Parties may allow such Parties to continue to exercise their right to vote if it is satisfied that the delay in payment arises from exceptional circumstances”,

Convinced that decision-making at the Eighth Meeting of the Parties will benefit from the active participation of as many Parties as possible,

1. *Decides* that, although [Greece / Libya / Syria] are more than three years behind in paying their ordinary contributions, it is satisfied that the delay for payment arises from exceptional circumstances, and that these Parties shall exercise its right to vote at the Eighth Meeting of the Parties.