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PACMA urges the International Whaling Commission to ban whaling

[We include this information from PACMA, not updated, thanking the efforts of various organizations in raising awareness among the inhabitants of planet Earth about the right to life of whales, demanding that the rulers prohibit whaling, and that it be declared illegal in the seas and oceans of this planet. The war declared against all animal species only exists on this planet, Earth, of the Finite Universe.]

This week [June 2010] the International Whaling Commission is meeting in Agadir, Morocco, for its annual meeting to reach an agreement on whaling. This year's meeting is important because it could legally reopen whaling, which has been banned until now, and end the moratorium on whaling that has existed since 1986. [June 2010 information on countries and hunting quotas has been removed]

**** The proposal stems from an attempt to reduce whaling: despite

the moratorium, whaling continues. Japan admits to hunting around 950 whales annually, despite being banned and having the rest of the world against it. The current plan is to ensure that, since whaling is still being carried out, it will be hunted less, and controls will be established to ensure this.

Environmentalists are calling for a ban on whaling in sanctuaries or reserves and for the moratorium to continue, arguing that whales are in danger of extinction. Currently, it is estimated that there are only one million whales left in our oceans, a fifth of what existed before industrial whaling began. Japan is also accused of buying the votes of small countries in exchange for development aid, and that its so-called "scientific" hunt is a cover for satisfying Japan's tradition of consuming whale meat.

We at PACMA call for an end to whaling, whether in reserves or outside them, but not because whales are in danger of extinction.

We remind ourselves that the Japanese, by consuming whale meat, are no worse than Westerners who consume beef. And that whaling is no less morally acceptable than hunting roe deer or wild boar. Therefore, at PACMA, we call for an end to all hunting of live animals.

Whales, like any other animal with a nervous system, are capable of sensing and enjoying the world around them. They are complex mammals that establish social structures, including strong emotional bonds between them. Hunting them is extremely cruel, even while they are still alive and dying on board a ship's platform.

They are skinned and quartered. The blood that oozes from the whaling platforms is the blood that stains the hands of a human society incapable of respecting the beautiful individuals with whom it shares the planet, neither on land nor at sea. For this reason, we call on the member countries of the Whaling Commission to respect the moratorium and a definitive end to all whaling for any purpose.