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Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the  
living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolutions 44/225 of 22 December 1989 and 45/197 of 21 December 1990 concerning large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the world's oceans and seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas,

Considering that its resolution 44/225 provides a framework for the conservation and management of living marine resources,

Noting with appreciation that some members of the international community continue cooperative efforts to obtain statistically sound data on the impact of this kind of fishing,

Taking into account the fact that some Member States are making efforts to take effective measures for the conservation and management of living resources in the North Pacific within the framework of its resolution 44/225,

Noting with appreciation the contributions to the report of the Secretary-General made voluntarily by some Member States,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Commends the efforts of some members of the international community to conduct jointly a statistically sound analysis of the impact of large-scale pelagic draft-net fishing, in particular at the meeting of scientists held in Sidney, Canada in June 1991;

3. Reaffirms its resolution 44/225, in particular its framework for conservation and management of the living marine resources;

4. Requests the specialized agencies and other appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as the various global, regional and subregional organizations, to study all aspects of large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing operations on the high seas and their impact on living marine resources;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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