

RESOLUTION 6.10**ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACCOBAMS AMENDMENTS ON THE EXTENSION OF THE ACCOBAMS GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**

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

Recalling that, in 2010, the Fourth Meeting of the ACCOBAMS Parties adopted Resolution A/4.1 which amended the text of the ACCOBAMS Agreement and extended its geographical scope to include an enlarged neighbouring Atlantic area,

Reaffirming the importance of the above-mentioned Resolution, which is based on the scientific evidence that cetacean populations present in waters to the north of Portugal and the Galician and Cantabrian Seas are connected, as shown by the most recent scientific studies,

Aware that, under Article X, paragraph 3, an amendment to the Agreement, after having been adopted by the Meeting of the Parties, enters into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which two thirds of the Parties to the Agreement at the date of the adoption of the amendment have deposited their instruments of acceptance with the Depositary, corresponding in this specific case to sixteen acceptances,

Recalling the steps regularly taken by the Depositary and the Secretariat to promote the acceptance of the amendments,

Noting with concern that, so far, only eight Parties have deposited their acceptance of the amendments,

Stressing the need to have the amendments in force as soon as possible,

1. *Calls upon* Parties to ACCOBAMS that have not yet done so to treat the acceptance of the above-mentioned amendments as a matter of priority.