

RESOLUTION II

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, JAPAN AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Multilateral High-Level Conference on the Conservation and Management of the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean,

Recalling that its first session was held at Honiara, Solomon Islands,

Further recalling that its second session, at which the Majuro Declaration of 13 June 1997 was adopted, was held at Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands,

Recalling further that its third session was held at the invitation of the Government of Japan in Tokyo, Japan,

Bearing in mind that its fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh sessions, as well as the ceremony of signature of the Convention and Final Act, were held in Honolulu, Hawaii,

Acknowledging the underlying spirit of unity and cooperation in which the Conference has conducted its business throughout, which reflects the culture and ideals of the peoples of the Pacific region,

Decides

1. To express to the Governments of the Solomon Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Japan and the United States of America its gratitude for hosting the sessions of the Conference,
2. To express its sincere gratitude to all those who contributed generously to the Conference by providing financial support,
3. To express to the authorities of the State of Hawaii and, in particular, to the organizers of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh sessions of the Conference, and the ceremony of signature of the Convention and the Final Act, its deepest gratitude for the exceptional and unforgettable hospitality accorded to all participants.
