



AUSTRALIAN GREENS RESOLUTION

United States of America

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Principles

Being aware that the US and NATO countries whose navies are deploying Low Frequency Active Sonar are in breach of the UN Law of the Sea Convention, the Biodiversity Convention and other international legal instruments; recognising that the US and NATO navies have ignored the Precautionary Principle; the Australians Greens request that Green Parties of all nations and Green Members of the European Parliament resolve to take appropriate political action in the relevant Parliament and in the public arena to condemn the deployment of Low Frequency Active Sonar by the US and NATO navies in 80 per cent of the world's oceans; at the same time insisting that both the US and NATO navies institute an immediate moratorium on the deployment until such time as independent, peer reviewed comprehensive global environmental assessments which incorporate proper studies of the effects of LFAS on fish species, fish eggs, larvae, zooplankton, cetaceans, marine mammals, crustacea and the prey of these species as well any long term effects on reproduction, maternal relationships, communication, breeding, migration, nutrition, behaviour and survival parameters and the effects on the biomass of relevant marine ecosystems are undertaken.

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