



**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ON THE
CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY
SHARKS**

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**PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF
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South Africa submits that the procedure for voting not be restrictive as far as allowing for the decision making and that original RoP text remain as it stands and as provisionally adopted at MoS 1 and 2. The following text would replace Rule 14, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of CMS/Sharks/Doc. 2.2/Rev.1/CRP1.

Rule 14 – Decision Making

- (1) The Signatories shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus. If all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted and no agreement reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by a two-thirds majority vote of the Signatories present and voting, unless otherwise provided by the MoU.
- (2) For the purposes of these rules, the phrase "Signatories present and voting" means Signatories present at the session at which voting takes place and casting an affirmative or negative vote in accordance with Rule 7, paragraph 5. Signatories abstaining from voting shall be considered as not voting.