EXTENSION OF THE SECRETARIAT PRO TEMPORE

RECALLING that COP1/2002/R-1 established a Pro Tempore Secretariat and that the government of Costa Rica graciously hosted the Secretariat for several years;

RECOGNIZING that by Resolution CIT-COP6-2013-R3 and CIT-COP-Inter-sesion-2014-R1, Parties asked the United States of America to host the Pro Tempore Secretariat until a headquarters arrangement is agreed and implemented, and extend the contract of the current Pro Tempore Secretary for an additional two years and six months;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the desire to continue in the process to establish the Permanent Secretariat;

CONSIDERING that the Government of the United States of America has been hosting the Pro Tempore Secretariat since 2009 and has proposed that the IAC authorize extending that arrangement;

NOTING that the Working Group on the Legal Framework of the Convention and Permanent Secretariat worked with interested Parties in the process to establish a Permanent Secretariat as requested in Resolution CIT-COP6-2013-R3;

RECOGNIZING the need to provide the appropriate means for the functioning of the Pro Tempore Secretariat, as well as the quality of the work of the current Secretary;

THE EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES

RESOLVE:

1. To accept the United States of America’s offer to continue to host the Secretariat Pro Tempore for an additional four years.

2. To authorize the extension of the contract of the current Pro Tempore Secretary until December 31st 2021.

3. To explore potential avenues to provide for a permanent Secretariat in the United States after 2021.