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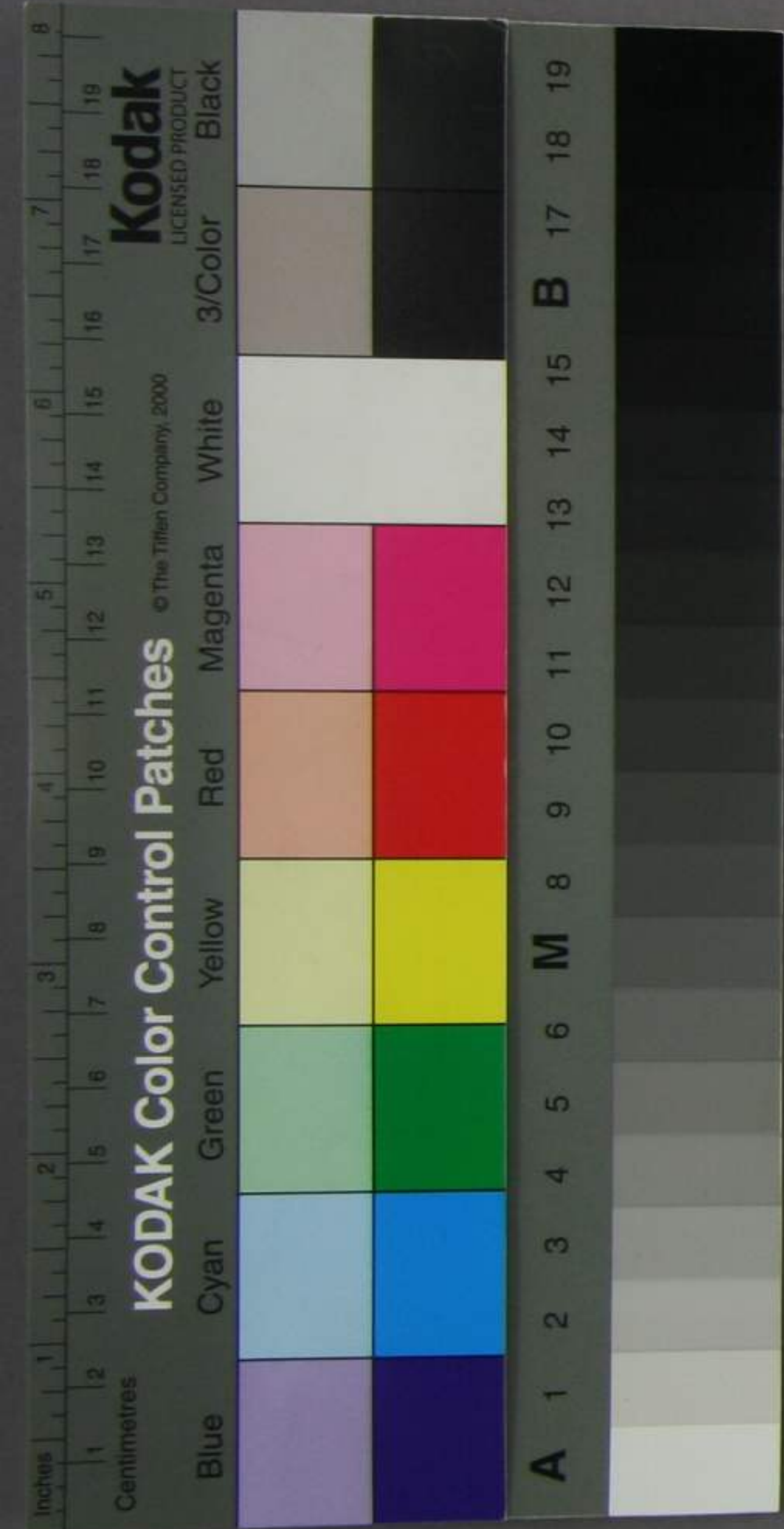
CONVENTION OF PRESERVATION

OF

FUR-SEAL AND SEA-OTTER

IN

THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEHRING SEA.



The representatives of Japan, the United States and Russia assembled in Conference to consider the best means of preserving the fur-seal and sea-otter in the North Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea having determined that under the existing regulations these animals are threatened with extinction and that an international agreement of all the interested Powers is necessary for their adequate protection, the Governments of Japan, the United States and Russia have resolved to conclude a Convention with a view to bringing about such an international agreement, and have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries, to wit:

His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan: Shogoi, Shiro Fujita, of the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun, Director of Agricultural Bureau in the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and Jugoi, Kakichi Mitsukuri, Rigakuhakushi, of the Sixth Order of the Sacred Treasure, Professor of the College of Science in the Imperial University of Tokio;

The President of the United States: John W. Foster, Charles S. Hamlin and David Starr Jordan;

His Majesty, the Emperor of all the Russias: Grégoire de Wollant, Chargé d'Affaires and Councillor of State, and Pierre Botkine, Gentleman in Waiting of His Court and Councillor of Court;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I.

The High Contracting Parties agree to prohibit their respective subjects and citizens from killing the fur-seal and sea-otter in all the waters of the North Pacific Ocean, including the Seas of Behring, Okhotsk and Kamtschatka, outside of territorial limits, for the period of one year from the date of this Convention; and they will use their best efforts to make this prohibition effective against their respective subjects and citizens.

#### ARTICLE II.

The present Convention shall take effect as soon as the adhesion of the Government of Great Britain shall be given thereto.

This Convention shall be ratified by the respective Governments and the several ratifications thereof shall be exchanged on a day to be hereafter agreed upon as soon as possible at the City of Washington.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have hereunto affixed their signatures and seals.

Done in triplicate in the English language at the City of Washington, this sixth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

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