

## ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION

14.1 In accordance with the agreed procedure in the footnote to Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission agreed that Italy shall provide the Chair from the conclusion of the 2000 meeting until the end of the 2002 meeting.

14.2 In accepting the nomination, the Representative of Italy, Prof. Rydzy, conveyed to the Commission that the Government of Italy considered the election to this post a great privilege and thanked delegates for entrusting Italy with this important role.

14.3 The next Chair of the Commission will be Dr N. Sasanelli, Scientific Attaché to the Embassy of Italy in Canberra, Australia.

## REPLACEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

15.1 The Chair of SCAF, Mrs Martí, reported to the Commission the deliberations of SCAF about the procedures required to select a new Executive Secretary to replace the present incumbent whose term of appointment expires in February 2002 (Annex 4, paragraph 17). The financial implications have been included in the budget adopted by the Commission (paragraph 3.14).

15.2 The detailed paper outlining the procedures to be followed had continued to be refined, and was presented to the Commission (CCAMLR-XIX/23). With a few clarifying amendments, the procedures were adopted by the Commission, and are presented in Annex 7 to this report.

## NEXT MEETING

### Invitation of Observers to Next Meeting

16.1 The Commission invited the following States to attend the Twentieth Meeting of the Commission as observers:

16.2 Acceding States: Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Greece, Namibia, Netherlands and Peru.

16.3 Non-Contracting Parties: Belize, Mauritius, Panama, Seychelles, Vanuatu and the People's Republic of China.

16.4 It was also agreed that Sao Tome and Principe should be invited as a Flag State for vessels operating in the Convention Area.

16.5 The following international organisations were also invited: ASOC, CCSBT, CEP, FAO, FFA, I-AATC, ICCAT, IOC, IUCN, IWC, SCAR, SCOR, SPC and UNEP.

16.6 At the suggestion of Chile, the Commission also agreed to invite the Standing Commission on the South Pacific (CPPS) because its members include Coastal States in the South Pacific and it is active in marine matters in the region.

16.7 Brazil recalled the concerns expressed in SCOI about transparency and the terms of participation of observers' within the meeting. Brazil expressed its wish that the Commission

would, in the future, give further consideration to the terms of participation of observers at the meeting.

16.8 The USA agreed that Rules of Procedure must be adhered to, but noted that these rules were clear and appropriate and that participation by observers was valuable and should not be inhibited. Australia supported the views of the USA and expressed appreciation for the contribution of observers to the work of the Commission, including their interaction with delegates at the meeting.

#### Date and Location of Next Meeting

16.9 Members agreed that the 2001 meeting of the Commission and Scientific Committee would be held in Hobart, Australia, during the period 22 October to 2 November 2001. Heads of Delegation were requested to be in Hobart for a Heads of Delegation meeting on 21 October 2001.

16.10 The Commission requested the Secretariat to prepare and circulate to Members by the end of February 2001 a report on the venue options available in Hobart for holding future meetings, and the Commission to consider taking a decision intersessionally.