CCAMLR DECLARATION

14.1 Chile introduced CCAMLR-XX/19 Rev. 1. This paper presented a draft of a declaration by the Commission, as requested by the Commission at its last meeting, which could be used by Members as the basis of publicity campaigns to promote the work of CCAMLR (CCAMLR-XIX, paragraph 17.6). Chile noted that a number of Members had contributed to the draft, which was essentially an analysis of the progress that the CCAMLR protection regime has achieved, and of the expected future developments.

14.2 Norway thanked Chile for its work and noted that the declaration could have a number of uses, including to make more widely known the operations of CCAMLR and as a basis for a presentation to WSSD. The declaration presented well the ecosystem approach, the concept of rational use, the concerns over IUU fishing and a clear reference to the organisation's leadership role, as an innovator in its field.

14.3 A number of Members noted the well-balanced presentation of the issues contained in the declaration. The Commission made some amendments to the draft to reflect additional points raised and adopted the declaration as presented in Annex 9.

14.4 Chile acknowledged the appreciative comments of other Members for the work on the draft, and noted that it was pleasing to find that there had been very little disagreement on the content of the declaration.