## APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

16.1 The Chair reported to the Commission that a selection committee comprising the Heads of Delegations of Commission Members had selected Dr D. Miller (South Africa) to take over from the present Executive Secretary in February 2002. The Commission congratulated Dr Miller on his appointment. Dr Miller accepted the appointment, thanking the Commission for entrusting him with such an important role and assuring the Commission that he would ensure that the trust is justified.

16.2 The Commission noted that Dr Miller had already given many years of service to CCAMLR, both through South Africa as a Member, and as a convener of working groups of the Scientific Committee, with the last four years as Chair of the Scientific Committee itself. The Commission was confident, therefore, of Dr Miller's willingness and ability to meet the challenges set before him.

16.3 The Commission expressed its gratitude to the outgoing Executive Secretary, Mr E. de Salas, for his leadership of the Secretariat over the last 10 years. The Commission wished Mr de Salas happiness and success in his next endeavour.