

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION

16.1 In accordance with the agreed procedure in the footnote to Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission agreed that Japan shall provide the Chair from the conclusion of the 2002 meeting until the end of the 2004 meeting.

16.2 In accepting the nomination, Japan apologised that it was not yet able to provide a name for the position as this had not yet been determined. However, Japan assured the Commission that the nominee would be qualified for the position.

16.3 The USA pointed out that many other organisations did not use CCAMLR's procedure for selecting Chairs by alphabetical selection by country, and that Members may wish to consider a policy for sometime in the future whereby individuals are chosen for the Chair without reference to their country.