

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

21.1 The Report of the Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Commission was adopted.

## CLOSE OF THE MEETING

22.1 The Chair thanked all Members for their assistance and spirit of cooperation over the last two years. He stated that while Namibia was a young country, both in a global and a CCAMLR sense, it was very proud to have been able to chair the Commission. This had also been extremely effective in raising CCAMLR's profile in Namibia. The Chair particularly thanked the Executive Secretary for his help and advice and the Secretariat staff for their diligence and helpfulness. He also thanked the Chair of the Scientific Committee for his support and assistance, the Chairs of the standing committees, the translators and the interpreters. The Chair noted that the sound technicians and IT personnel had worked around the clock to ensure the smooth running of all the equipment.

22.2 The Executive Secretary thanked the Chair for his kind words and presented him with an engraved commemorative gavel. The Executive Secretary noted that the Secretariat's workload had been particularly heavy this year, in particular, most notably for translation staff. He expressed his sincere gratitude to all Secretariat staff and hoped that the Commission would join him in thanking them for their excellent work.

22.3 The Commission bid farewell to Drs Tony Press (Australia) and Rennie Holt (USA) as two long-serving Members of the Commission and Scientific Committee respectively. Dr Holt was presented with a montage of photographs spanning his time with CCAMLR (1989–2008) and Dr Press received a book on mathematics.

22.4 Dr Press replied that CCAMLR had a very important role to play in the conservation of one of the most precious areas on the planet and that the Commission had an awesome responsibility to act in the best interests of a region of the world dedicated to peace and science.

22.5 The Chair closed the Twenty-seventh Meeting of CCAMLR.