

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

19.1 The Report of the Twenty-ninth Meeting of the Commission was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

20.1 In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked delegates for what had been an extremely good meeting. He had enjoyed engaging with friends and colleagues, and working with the Secretariat staff who have been extremely supportive in ensuring that the meeting had gone as smoothly as possible. He expressed particular appreciation to the interpreters and translators for ensuring that the linguistic requirements were fully met under great pressure.

20.2 The Chair wished the Commission, all colleagues and the incoming chair the very best in the future.

20.3 The Executive Secretary, Mr A. Wright, informed Members that, Mr T. Hughes, New Zealand's Commission representative, was retiring. Mr Hughes has had a very distinguished career with the New Zealand foreign service and, since 2002, has applied himself with an enormous amount of endeavour and commitment to the work of CCAMLR from which the Commission had benefited enormously. Mr Wright thanked Mr Hughes for his contribution to the organisation and wished him well in the future.

20.4 Mr Hughes said he had attended nine meetings, each one having been special and memorable. Despite differences of view from time to time, he had enjoyed the CCAMLR meetings and wished the Commission all the best for the future.

20.5 Mr Wright expressed his appreciation to the outgoing Chair. He said that Ambassador MacKay's work for the Commission had been exceptional and that he had provided enormous support to him in his new role as Executive Secretary, as well as to the Secretariat and Members. As has become tradition, Ambassador MacKay was presented with an engraved gavel.

20.6 In reply, Ambassador MacKay said that he had enjoyed the last two years and it had been a huge honour for him and New Zealand to chair the Commission. He thanked everyone for enriching his time as Chair.

20.7 On behalf of Members, Mr A. Mansi (Argentina) expressed his deep appreciation for the Chair's efficient work which reflected the wisdom and patience gained through a vast experience of work with the Antarctic Treaty system. Mr Mansi also acknowledged Mr Hughes' invaluable contribution to the organisation and underscored that he is sure to be missed at both CCAMLR and ATCM Meetings.

20.8 Mr Wright expressed his appreciation to the Secretariat staff for their dedication and hard work in making this meeting as efficient and effective as it had been. He also thanked the interpreters and translators who contributed in a very significant way to the success of the meetings.

20.9 Mr Wright acknowledged the work behind the scenes of one staff member, Mr E. Appleyard, to make the final evening enjoyable for all. Mr Appleyard is the social conscience of the Secretariat and his preparation for the farewell BBQ is legendary. He was presented with a toothfish apron to be put to use immediately.

20.10 The Chair then closed the Twenty-ninth Meeting of CCAMLR.