REPORT OF THE MEETING

The second annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources was held at the Wrest Point Hotel, Hobart, from 29 August to 9 September 1983.

2.   The members of the Commission: Argentina; Australia; Chile; the European Economic Community; Federal Republic of Germany; France; German Democratic Republic; Japan; New Zealand; South Africa; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America were represented. Belgium and Norway, as original signatories to the Convention, also participated in the meeting by agreement of the members.

3.   The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) were represented as observers at the meeting. A list of participants is at Annex A.

4.   The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Mr A.D. Brown of Australia, at 10.00 a.m. on 29 August 1983. A copy of the Chairman's address is at Annex B.

5.   The Provisional Agenda was adopted by the meeting without comment and the Chairman proceeded to work through the agenda in the order of items. A copy of the Agenda is at Annex C.

6.   In reporting to the Commission on work he had undertaken by request in the inter-session period, the Chairman informed the meeting that although progress had been made with the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee, he could not report unanimous agreement. The Chairman's report is at Annex D. It was suggested and accepted that in order to achieve a solution to the outstanding difficulties, the Chairman might convene an informal group.

7.   The Executive Secretary then reported to the Commission. A copy of his report is at Annex E. There were no comments on the report.