

## Establishment of Subsidiary Bodies

12. The Commission had before it a draft decision on the establishment of a standing committee on administration and finance. The Executive Secretary introduced the document emphasising that in the absence of any detailed specifications the document had been drafted to take account of two possible working modes for the Committee: representation of all delegations or a small group of interested and expert participants.

13. The Commission agreed to include the following decision in its Report of the Meeting:

### DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- (i) The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources hereby establishes in accordance with Article XIII (6) of the Convention a Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF).
- (ii) The Commission shall elect from among its members a Chairman of the Standing Committee who shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-election for one additional term.
- (iii) The Standing Committee shall advise the Commission on such matters of an administrative and financial character as are remitted to it by the Commission and shall annually:
  - (a) examine the audited financial statement of the Commission for the previous year;
  - (b) examine the operation of the budget for the current year;
  - (c) examine the draft budget for the ensuing year.
- (iv) The Standing Committee may draw to the attention of the Commission any matter of an administrative or financial character.
- (v) The Standing Committee may appoint from amongst its members a smaller, informal group to give preliminary consideration, in consultation with the Executive Secretary, to matters before it.

(vi) The Executive Secretary shall prepare, under the authority of the Chairman, a report of each meeting of the Standing Committee, which shall include all relevant advice and reflect all views expressed, for transmission to the Commission.

14. The meeting agreed to refer agenda items 7, 8 and 9 to the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance.

15. Argentina was elected to the chair of the Standing Committee.

16. No further subsidiary bodies were proposed.