- 17. The Commission in adopting its budget for 1985 (Annex F) noted that the Scientific Committee had recommended a substantial increase in expenditure compared with 1984.
- 18. Working groups on fish stock assessment, ecosystem monitoring and a specialist group on the use of catch per unit effort analysis in krill stock assessment had been recommended. Some concern was expressed at the marked increase in the budget, but it was acknowledged that at this stage in the Commission's work, it was essential to carry out these investigations. It was noted that Norway had become a full member of the Commission early in 1984 and had made a voluntary contribution to the Commission equal to the contributions that members had made in the first two years.
- 19. The Commission agreed that the proposals put forward in the Scientific Committee's budget should be funded, but in order to avoid a large increase in the budget an amount of \$32,000 for the Scientific Committee was included in the Commission's budget and the Executive Secretary was authorised to draw funds from the Norwegian contribution account for the remainder of the expenditure incurred in carrying out the activities set out in the Scientific Committee's budget (Annex G).