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1. Article VII 2 (b) of the Convention states that:

‘each State Party which has acceded to this Convention pursuant to Article XXIX shall be entitled to be a Member of the Commission during such time as that acceding party is engaged in research or harvesting activities in relation to the marine living resources to which this Convention applies;’

Article VII 2 (d) states that:

‘a Contracting Party seeking to participate in the work of the Commission pursuant to subparagraphs (b) and (c) above shall notify the Depositary of the basis upon which it seeks to become a Member of the Commission and of its willingness to accept conservation measures in force. The Depositary shall communicate to each Member of the Commission such notification and accompanying information. Within two months of receipt of such communication from the Depositary, any Member of the Commission may request that a special meeting of the Commission be held to consider the matter. Upon receipt of such request, the Depositary shall call such a meeting. If there is no request for a meeting, the Contracting Party submitting the notification shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements for Commission Membership.’

Article XXI states that:

‘1. Each Contracting Party shall take appropriate measures within its competence to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Convention and with conservation measures adopted by the Commission to which the Party is bound in accordance with Article IX of this Convention.

2. Each Contracting Party shall transmit to the Commission information on measures taken pursuant to paragraph 1 above, including the imposition of sanctions for any violation.’

2. The guidelines set out below are intended to facilitate the consideration by an acceding state seeking membership of the Commission of what is meant by ‘the basis upon which it seeks to become a Member of the Commission’ in relation to the requirement that such a state shall be ‘engaged in research or harvesting activities in relation to the marine living resources to which this convention applies.’

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### 3. Harvesting Activity in Relation to the Marine Living Resources to which the Convention Applies

In its notification the state should, to the extent possible, set down:

- (a) the names and types of vessels registered in its country which have engaged in harvesting activity in the area to which this Convention applies;
- (b) the seasons during which its vessels have been in the Convention area;
- (c) the tonnage of catches by species taken in each season and CCAMLR statistical area and sub-area together with the relevant data of fishing effort;
- (d) future intentions with regard to harvesting in respect of projected continuity of activity;
- (e) information on governmental institutions and non-governmental concerns directly dealing with harvesting activities.

### 4. Research Activity in Relation to the Marine Living Resources to which the Convention Applies

In its notification the state should set down:

- (a) the research programs it has concluded in respect of the marine living resources to which this Convention applies together with a bibliography of where the results of such programs have been published and a copy of each paper so published;
- (b) the research programs it is currently undertaking;
- (c) its future plans for research programs;
- (d) information on governmental and non-governmental institutions directly responsible for the research programs.

5. Conservation Measures in Force

Copies of these may be obtained from the Executive Secretary of CCAMLR.

6. Other Information

In so far as it is feasible it would help the existing Members of the Commission if an acceding state seeking membership of the Commission could provide information on the following:

- (a) the names and addresses of repositories of such statistical, biological and fisheries data as are relevant to its research and harvesting activities;
- (b) the names and addresses of such research institutions as have concluded relevant research programs or are currently engaged in such programs.

7. Members of the Commission are obliged to report annually on harvesting and/or research activities as they relate to the marine living resources to which this Convention applies. It should be noted that in the case of an acceding state which becomes a Member of the Commission this obligation also relates to the activity dependent element contained in Article VII 2 (b).