

## ELABORATION OF A SYSTEM OF OBSERVATION AND INSPECTION

25. The Commission recalled the discussion of this item at its previous meeting and had before it the consequent views of the Scientific Committee. While it was appreciated that arrangements along the lines of those suggested in paragraph 10.2 of SC-CAMLR-IV, would be of general assistance to members of the Commission, there was some difference of view as to whether such arrangements should, or should not be considered as an element in the Commission's fulfilment of Article XXIV. It was concluded that while practical experience of bilateral arrangements reached on a voluntary and reciprocal basis might be of relevance to future consideration of Article XXIV, it was generally agreed that it would be preferable to look upon such arrangements as deriving from other Articles of the Convention, more specifically, Article XV.

26. In the light of the discussion, it was agreed to recommend that sympathetic consideration should be given by any member of the Commission to a request from any other member of the Commission for the placement of scientific observers on their vessels, whether they are fishing or research vessels.

27. Such requests would be considered bilaterally between the members concerned on the understanding that acceptance of such scientific observers would be voluntary on the part of the accepting state and would take into account the need for reciprocity between the requesting state and the accepting state.