

## HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT

28. The Commission considered the question of a comprehensive Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Commission. The Delegation of Australia reported on informal negotiations which had been conducted with all interested delegations with a view to settling upon an agreed text. Several minor changes had been made to the text which had emerged from the informal consultations held by the Chairman during the Second Meeting of the Commission. These changes were principally corrections and clarifications to the text. Further, it was reported that a satisfactory provision relating to the issue of visas to representatives, staff members and experts had been agreed upon.

29. The Chairman noted that the absence of any provision in the Agreement relating to the establishment of permanent missions to the Commission reflected the general opinion of members that it was not necessary to make any such provision of this kind in view of the extent of the work of the Commission, its Scientific Committee and subsidiary organs.

30. The Commission then authorised its Chairman, Dr Orlando R. Rebagliati, to sign, for and on behalf of the Commission, the Headquarters Agreement between the Commission and the Government of Australia drawn up at the Fourth Meeting, provided that no member had notified the Executive Secretary by 1 January 1986 of any objection thereto, including any suggestion as to textual clarity or translation, and subject to the concurrence by all members in the satisfactory resolution of any such objections or suggestions.