

NEXT MEETING

131. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Commission and the Scientific Committee will be held in Hobart in the period 24 October to 4 November, 1988. Several preparatory meetings will be held on Sunday 23 October, 1988.

132. In discussing the timing of annual meetings the EEC delegation was of the opinion that the period during which the meetings of the Commission and the Scientific Committee are held is not the most suitable with regard to achieving a reasonable degree of work effectiveness. Certain difficulties, which occurred during this session, have shown that the holding of the meeting nearly mid-way through the statistical year prevents the Scientific Committee from considering all data and does not allow for the application of adopted measures to take effect in the immediate season. The EEC delegation believes that it would be preferable to hold the meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Commission just after the austral summer and preferably in May.

133. Most delegations noted that the timing of the annual meetings had been discussed in detail at the Fourth Meeting of the Commission. They felt that the existing arrangement was in balance with the operational requirements of the Convention.

134. It was agreed that the Secretariat should make a tentative booking for 1989 for a similar period of two weeks from late October to early November 1989. It was suggested that the delegation of the EEC might submit their proposal for consideration at the next meeting of the Commission.