

## OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources was held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from 24 October to 4 November 1988.

2. All members of the Commission were represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, European Economic Community, France, German Democratic Republic, Federal Republic of Germany, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.
3. Following established practice, acceding states were invited to attend as observers and Greece, Sweden and Uruguay attended in this capacity.
4. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) were invited to attend the meeting as observers. The IWC, SCAR AND ASOC attended (see paragraphs 153–156). A list of participants is at Annex A.
5. The Commission noted that Canada had acceded to the Convention on 1 July 1988.
6. The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Commission was opened by His Excellency, Dr Eugene Samoteikin, the Ambassador of the USSR in Australia. A copy of Dr Samoteikin's address is at Annex B.
7. It was suggested that in the Provisional Agenda, the item dealing with the recent meeting on the Conservation of Antarctic Seals should be given the more general title, 'Co-operation With Other Elements of the Antarctic Treaty System' and become a standing item of the Commission's Agenda. This change was agreed and the Agenda was adopted (Annex C).
8. A list of documents submitted to the meeting is at Annex D.
9. The Chairman, Mr Edmond De Wilde of Belgium, welcomed delegates and those attending the Meeting as observers and reported briefly on the intersessional activities of the Commission.

Action had been taken by the Chairman in relation to an alleged infraction of a conservation measure in accordance with a decision taken by the Commission at its last Meeting (CCAMLR-VI, paragraph 104). This matter is considered under Agenda Item 9. The Chairman reported that the Commission had received a request for observer status from the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC). He had consulted Members and the matter had been listed for discussion under Agenda Item 11. On the Chairman's suggestion Belgium had represented the Commission at the meeting to review the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals.