

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

151. The Commission took note of the Report of the CCAMLR observer to the 1988 Meeting of the International Whaling Commission (New Zealand). The 1989 Meeting will be held in San Diego, USA from 12 to 16 June. The United States agreed to act as the CCAMLR observer.

152. The Commission's attention was drawn to a statement transmitted to the Executive Secretary from the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) setting down areas of common interest between CCAMLR and the IOC. The statement was distributed as CCAMLR-VII/BG/15.

ASOC Request for Observer Status

153. The Commission considered the application from ASOC for observer status at meetings of the Commission and Scientific Committee. Following informal consultations the Commission agreed that the Chairman should send an invitation to ASOC as follows:

'The Commission invites ASOC, as an umbrella organisation representing non-governmental organisations that are its members, to attend sessions of the Seventh Meeting of the Commission as an observer. On the basis of its Rules of Procedure the Commission issues the invitation on the following understandings:

- (a) ASOC's attendance at the Commission's sessions will be regulated by the provisions of the Convention and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, in particular Rules 32, 33 and 34;
- (b) ASOC will designate one person who will be its representative at Commission sessions;
- (c) the ASOC representative may attend plenary sessions of the Commission only.

If ASOC accepts the above invitation, its representative will provide a written undertaking to the Chairman of the Commission to abide by the above understandings and that, in conformity with normal practice, the representative and ASOC will at all

times respect the confidentiality of the discussions at private sessions of the Commission and will not make them public.

The above invitation applies only to sessions of the Seventh Meeting of the Commission. The question of ASOC's attendance at future meetings of the Commission will be considered by Commission members in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure.'

154. With respect to the penultimate paragraph of the invitation the Commission noted that the term 'in conformity with normal practice' was to be understood by reference to correspondence from the Executive Secretary to ASOC of 23 September 1985 (see CCAMLR-V/8).

155. On receipt of the above invitation ASOC sent a letter to the Chairman accepting the invitation and providing the undertaking requested therein.

156. A number of delegations expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the application for observer status submitted by ASOC and the Commission welcomed the ASOC representative who attended the remainder of the meeting.