

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

157. After being nominated by Belgium and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Korea, and the USSR, Brazil was elected Chairman of the Commission to serve until the conclusion of the Commission's Meeting in 1990.

NEXT MEETING

158. The next meeting of the Commission and the Scientific Committee will be held in Hobart in the period 6 to 17 November 1989. Several preparatory meetings will be held on Sunday, 5 November 1989.

159. The Commission was reminded of its past discussions on the timing of its meetings. The need for advice from the Scientific Committee based on data from the most recent season tends to push the date of the meeting later into the year whereas the importance of establishing measures to apply in the season that may have already begun requires an earlier meeting. A compromise between these must be reached, but it was thought that the date set for 1989 was perhaps a little late in the year and for 1990 the meeting should begin in the last week of October.

OTHER BUSINESS

160. The Commission had received an application from Greenpeace International for observer status at Commission Meetings. It was agreed that in replying to the request the Executive Secretary should inform Greenpeace International that the Commission was not prepared to grant it observer status at this time.

ADOPTION OF REPORT AND CLOSE OF MEETING

161. The Commission adopted the Report of its Seventh Meeting and the Chairman closed the Meeting.