

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

10. The following items of the Commission's agenda were referred to the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF) for consideration:

- (i) Examination of Audited Financial Statements for 1987
- (ii) Appointment of External Auditor
- (iii) Review of Budget for 1988
- (iv) Draft Budget for 1989 and Forecast Budget for 1990
- (v) Secretariat Staffing
- (vi) Executive Secretary's Study of Specific Expenditure Items

11. It was noted that the Chairman of SCAF would complete his term of office at the conclusion of the Meeting. The Commission asked SCAF to consider any changes to its Terms of Reference that would be necessary for the Commission to elect a Vice-Chairman when electing the new Chairman of SCAF.

12. The Commission received the Executive Secretary's Report of the Meeting of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (Annex E). Delegations expressed their satisfaction that SCAF was able to carry out its work efficiently due to the efforts of the Secretariat.

### Examination of the Audited Financial Statements for 1987 and Appointment of External Auditor

13. The Commission accepted the Financial Statements for 1987 and agreed to appoint the Australian Auditor-General as the Commission's external auditor for a further two-year term.

### Review of Budget for 1988

14. The Commission noted the forecast results of income and expenditure for 1988. It was agreed that Members should make every effort to pay their contributions as close as possible to the due date (1 January) and in any case before the deadline of 31 May.

## Draft Budget for 1989 and Forecast Budget for 1990

15. The Commission noted with satisfaction that the 1989 Budget total showed a reduction of 0.3% in real terms over the 1988 Budget. When the expenditures were divided into recurrent and non-recurrent elements in accordance with the Commission's practice, recurrent expenditure decreased in real terms by 4.5%.

16. The proposal to publish Conservation Measures in Force in a document separate to the Basic Documents volume was agreed.

17. The Commission approved the Budget for 1989. A copy of the Budget including the forecast Budget for 1990 is included in Annex F.

18. It was noted with regard to the 1989 Budget that the total of Members' contributions after deducting estimated credits will be A\$960 258. The contributions calculated according to the agreed formula (CCAMLR-VI, paragraph 28) are estimated as follows:

USSR	A\$ 74 763
Japan	A\$ 50 032
Other Members	A\$ 46 414

## Secretariat Staffing

19. The Commission took note of the Committee's discussions regarding the professional positions in the Secretariat and endorsed the agreements reached.

## Executive Secretary

20. It was noted that the present contract of the Executive Secretary expires in 1990. It was agreed that no action was required at present, but that the matter should be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

Executive Secretary's Study of Specific Expenditure Items

21. No objections were raised concerning the Committee's conclusions on this item.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of SCAF

22. The Commission thanked Mr Bhandari, who had represented India as Chairman of SCAF for the past two years. The EEC was elected to take over as Chairman for the next two years until the conclusion of the Commission's Meeting in 1990.

23. Article (ii) of the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance was amended as follows to provide the Committee with a Vice-Chairman:

‘(ii) The Commission shall elect from among its Members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee, each of whom shall serve for a term of two years and be eligible for re-election for one additional term.’

24. Argentina was elected Vice-Chairman of SCAF.