

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The Eighth Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources was held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from 6 to 17 November 1989 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador M.H.C. Côrtes (Brazil).
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 Italy, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay attended in this capacity.
4. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), 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. SCAR and ASOC attended. A list of participants is at Annex A.
5. The Commission noted that Finland, Italy and Peru had acceded to the Convention since its last meeting and that Sweden had notified Australia, as Depositary, of its wish to participate in the work of the Commission.
6. With an amendment changing item 3 (iv) to 'Executive Secretary (Term of Office)', the Provisional Agenda was adopted (Annex B).
7. The Chairman welcomed participants and observers and reported on intersessional activities. He drew attention to matters referred to the Scientific Committee for advice during the last meeting of the Commission (CCAMLR-VII, paragraphs 40, 108, 112 to 116, 118, 140, 141 and 146). The Commission assigned agenda item 3 to the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), item 7 to the Working Group on the Development of Approaches to Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (WG-DAC) and items 9 and 10 to the Standing Committee on Observation and Inspection (SCOI). The Chairman adjourned the meeting until Monday, 13 November 1989.

8. A list of documents submitted to the meeting is at Annex C.