

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY SYSTEM

143. The Chairman reported that he had been represented at the XVth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, held in Paris from 9 to 19 October 1989, by the Head of the Brazilian Delegation to that meeting.

144. A report, prepared by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Chairman had been presented to the Consultative Treaty Meeting in the four official languages of the Commission. The report had been well received and was appended to the final report of the meeting.

145. Several CCAMLR delegates who had attended the meeting relayed to the Commission remarks made at the meeting to the effect that the report gave a clear description of what CCAMLR has done and is doing on matters related to the interests of the Antarctic treaty Consultative Parties.

146. The report had raised the question of improving communication between the ATCPs and CCAMLR. Some delegations expressed the view that the lack of a permanent secretariat in the Treaty made communication difficult. It was suggested that more formal links needed to be established in the interest of a fully effective and integrated Antarctic Treaty System.

147. The Chairman invited Members to further consider ways of improving communication within the Treaty System and to submit their proposals to the Executive Secretary.

148. It was noted that an item on ozone depletion and climate change had been discussed at the Treaty Meeting.

149. The view was expressed that the effect of ozone depletion on the Antarctic marine environment was a subject which was of direct interest to CCAMLR, but neither the Commission nor the Scientific Committee had an agenda item dealing with it. Some delegations suggested that consideration might be given to discussion of this subject in CCAMLR forums.

150. It was pointed out that the work already facing the Commission was considerable and that SCAR has initiated a program to study the role of the Antarctic in global change which includes biological and ecological aspects. Some delegations thought it would be sufficient for CCAMLR to take note of that program and monitor its results.

151. The Australian Delegation stated that it was not the intention of any of the several proposals discussed in Paris, under the item 'Comprehensive Measures for the Protection of the Antarctic Environment and Dependent and Associated Ecosystems', to have the effect of displacing CCAMLR, which was a free standing conservation convention, and drew the attention of the Commission to this view.

152. The Commission noted that Treaty Meetings are planned for 1990 and it is likely that CCAMLR will be invited to be represented as an observer.