

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1* The Ninth Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources was held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia from 22 October to 2 November 1990 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador M.H.C. Côrtes (Brazil).

1.2 All Members of the Commission were represented: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, European Economic Community, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

1.3 Following established practice, acceding states were invited to attend as observers and Finland, the Netherlands and Uruguay attended in this capacity.

1.4 The Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), the International Whaling Commission (IWC), 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. IWC, SCAR and ASOC attended.

1.5 A list of Participants is at Annex 1. A List of Documents presented to the Meeting is at Annex 2.

1.6 The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Commission was opened by His Excellency General Sir Phillip Bennett, AC, KBE, DSO, Governor of Tasmania.

1.7 In his opening address, His Excellency particularly emphasised the resource management responsibility of CCAMLR, drawing attention to the fact that it was still the only component of the Antarctic Treaty System with such a responsibility. Its success, therefore, in this area was of fundamental importance in convincing the world that the Treaty System was the only appropriate vehicle at present through which the region can be administered.

1.8 His Excellency also urged Members to do what they could in their respective countries to achieve a better public appreciation of the work of CCAMLR.

* The first part of the number relates to the appropriate item of the Agenda (Annex 3).

