

## OBSERVATION AND INSPECTION

11.1 In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Bravo de Laguna, the Vice Chairman who had presided over the work of SCOI, Mr Burgess, presented the report of the Committee (Annex 8).

11.2 The Commission accepted the report of the Committee and noted that at the request of the Representative of Japan, the meeting had been conducted under Commission Rule of Procedure 32 (b), which restricted the meeting to Commission Members only.

11.3 The Commission noted with satisfaction that the first inspection under the System of Inspection had been reported. The Commission further noted that the USSR had reported 118 inspection of its own vessels by soviet inspectors operating under the USSR national inspection system and that future inspections of Soviet vessels by Soviet inspectors undertaken in accordance with the CCAMLR System of Inspection will be reported using the agreed reporting forms.

11.4 The Commission agreed that Reports of Inspection should be made available only to the nominated contact of contracting parties, in accordance with the provisions of principles VIII and IX of the System of Observation and Inspection.

11.5 The Commission endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the Dictionary of Questions and Terms included in the Inspectors Manual, be enlarged by including all four Commission languages, the Japanese language translations made available at the meeting, and other translations by fishing nations as they become available to the CCAMLR Secretariat.

11.6 The Commission also endorsed the view of the Committee that further experience of inspections should be obtained before the Committee embarked on a full scale evaluation of the inspection system and that in the short term, the Committee should give priority to development of a system of scientific observation.

11.7 The Commission agreed that the success of an observation system would depend on cooperation between the observer and the vessel crew and that this would depend on separation of the roles of inspector and observer.

11.8 The Commission noted the obligation set down in Article XXIV of the Convention and expressed satisfaction with the declared willingness of Members to cooperate in the development of a CCAMLR system of scientific observation.

11.9 The Commission endorsed the Committee's view that:

- (i) the essential purpose of the observation system would be the gathering and validation of scientific data; and
- (ii) the elaboration of a multilateral system should take account of the fact the extensive bilateral cooperation would be required in arranging placements of observers.

11.10 The Commission directed the CCAMLR Secretariat to produce a draft paper on scientific observation for circulation to Members for comment in the intercessional period.