

## COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

15.1 The United States represented CCAMLR at the 42nd Meeting of the IWC held in the Netherlands from 25 June to 6 July 1990.

15.2 The US Delegation referred Members to the observers report, distributed as CCAMLR-IX/BG/20, and highlighted the following points of special interest to the Commission:

- the IWC had decided by consensus to support the UN Resolution on Driftnet Fishing;
- the Moratorium on Commercial Whaling was reviewed and will remain in force; and
- the IWC reiterated its interest in the Workshop on the Feeding Ecology of Southern Baleen Whales which has been proposed for joint sponsorships by the IWC and CCAMLR. Funds for the Workshop have been provided for in the IWC budget forecast for 1992.

### Greenpeace Application for Observer Status

15.3 The Commission considered an application from Greenpeace International for observer status at its meetings.

15.4 Several Members pointed out that Greenpeace is a Member of ASOC and as ASOC was now being invited to attend Commission meetings, Greenpeace was adequately represented.

15.5 Some thought that the Commission should be guided by Article XXIII 3 of the Convention which provides for the Commission to enter into agreement with any organisation whose participation might further the work of the Commission and that in their view, Greenpeace satisfied this requirement.

15.6 One delegation pointed out that there were instances where Greenpeace had acted outside the law in trying to attract attention to its activities and that the Commission should not invite such an organisation to participate in its work.

15.7 The Commission decided not to accept Greenpeace's request for observer status.

15.8 In agreeing to ASOC's participation in its meetings, the Commission had taken account of the fact that ASOC is an umbrella organisation and as such, could represent the views of its members in the Commission.

15.9 It was acknowledged, however, that circumstances may change and that applications from non-governmental organisations will be treated on their merits.