

ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 The Agenda was adopted after adding an additional sub-item to Item 3, 'Proposed Amendment to Staff Regulation 5.3' of the Provisional Agenda distributed prior to the Meeting (Annex 3).

2.2 The Commission noted that, since its last meeting, Sweden and Italy had become Members, the Netherlands had acceded to the Convention and the German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany, who now wished to be referred to in the Commission as Germany. Sweden and Italy made opening statements to the Commission.

2.3 The Chairman welcomed participants and observers and reported on intersessional activities. He drew attention to the proposal in January by the UK to impose a catch limit for *Dissostichus eleginoides* following an increase in the level of fishing effort being applied in the longline fishery for this species. The proposal was put to Members for decision by correspondence in accordance with Rule of Procedure 4 (a), but as consensus had not been reached, the proposal had not been adopted. He also reported on actions taken to implement the CCAMLR Inspection System since the last meeting, and mentioned the meetings of CCAMLR Working Groups held during the intersessional period. He advised Members of the death earlier in the year of Dr John Gulland FRS, who had been active participant in the work of CCAMLR for many years.

2.4 In the absence of Dr K. Vamvakas (EEC), Dr J. Heap (UK) acted as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), and in the absence of Mr J. Bravo de Laguna (Spain), the Vice Chairman, Mr J. Burgess (Australia), presided over the work of the Standing Committee on Observation and Inspection (SCOI).

2.5 The Commission assigned Agenda Item 3 to SCAF, Item 7 to the Working Group for the Development of Approaches to Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (WG-DAC) and items 11 and 12 to SCOI.

2.6 Having assigned these tasks to subsidiary bodies, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting of the Commission until Monday, 29 October 1990.