

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

3.1 The following items of the Commission's Agenda were referred to SCAF for consideration:

- (i) Examination of Audited Financial statements for 1989;
- (ii) Appointment of Auditor;
- (iii) Review of Budget for 1990;
- (iv) Draft Budget for 1991 and Forecast Budget for 1992;
- (v) Review of Formula for Calculating Members' Contributions; and
- (vi) Proposed Amendments to Staff Regulation 5.3

3.2 The Commission received the Executive Secretary's report of the meeting of SCAF (Annex 4) and took note of the discussions of items not requiring decisions.

Examination of the Audited Financial Statements for 1989

3.3 The Commission accepted the Financial Statements for 1989.

Appointment of Auditor

3.4 The Commission agreed to appoint the Australian Auditor-General as the Commission's External Auditor for a further two-year term.

Review of Budget for 1990

3.5 The Commission noted the forecast results of income and expenditure for 1990. It was agreed that Members should make every effort to pay their contributions as close as possible to the due date (1 January), and in any case before the deadline, 31 May. To facilitate prompt payment a number of delegations advised that they propose to make their contributions ahead of the due date based on the estimate provided at the Meeting. It was agreed that any adjustment to their contribution would be made at a later date pending the actual outcome of income and expenditure items of 1990.

Draft Budget for 1991 and Forecast Budget for 1992

3.6 The Commission noted the changes to the draft Budget presented in CCAMLR-IX/5 resulting from discussions in SCAF, in particular the publications item and recommendations of the Scientific Committee. The Commission approved the budget for 1991 as contained in the report of the SCAF meeting (Annex 4).

3.7 The Commission noted the 1992 Budget Forecast and the assumed rate of inflation of 6.5% per annum.

3.8 The Commission requested that the Secretariat continue to provide information on the budget rate of growth as illustrated in paragraph 17 of the Executive Secretary's report of SCAF.

Review of Formula for Calculating Members' Contributions

3.9 In accordance with the decision taken in 1987, the Commission reviewed the formula for calculating Members' Contributions. It was agreed to continue with the current formula for a further three years after which time the formula should be reviewed.

3.10 The formula is:

- (i) those countries engaged in harvesting in the Convention Area will, in respect of the amount harvested, contribute at the rate of 1.5% of total Members' contributions per 100 000 tonnes of finfish and 0.75% of total Members' contributions per 100 000 tonnes of krill;
- (ii) the amount harvested shall be calculated as the average catch over a three-year reporting period, ending at least 12 months prior to the Commission meeting at which the budget in question is approved;
- (iii) the balance of total contributions will be equally shared amongst all Members of the Commission;
- (iv) the first 9 000 tonnes or 5% of the catch of individual harvesting countries, whichever is the greater, will not be taken into account for the purpose of

calculating their contributions to the budget. The application of this exemption is to be calculated on the basis of the proportion of fish and krill in the total catch of each country;

- (v) the maximum percentage of total contributions to be paid in respect of the amount harvested shall be fixed at 50%; and
- (vi) the maximum percentage of total contributions to be met by any individual harvesting country is fixed at 25%.

Proposed Amendment to Staff Regulation 5.3

3.11 The Commission agreed that Staff Regulation 5.3 should be changed in accordance with the suggestions made by SCAF and in particular that the amendment should not apply to staff members who have been in receipt of the Grant under the existing regulation.

3.12 It was agreed by the Commission that Staff Regulation 5.3 should now read as follows:

‘The type of allowances available to staff members in the professional category shall, in principle, be those allowances in force in the United Nations. The scale of allowances shall be established in US dollars according to the corresponding scales of allowances which would apply to officials of the United Nations Secretariat in Australia and shall be paid in Australian dollars. However, education allowances for each dependent child shall not be paid:

- (a) in respect of children of Australian staff members;
- (b) in respect of attendance at an Australian public (State) school;
- (c) for attendance at a University in Australia;
- (d) for correspondence courses or private tuition;
- (e) when schooling does not require regular attendance at an education institution;

- (f) in respect of education expenses covered from scholarship grants or subsidies from other sources.’

Chairman of SCAF

3.13 The Chairman thanked Drs Vamvakas and Heap who chaired the meetings of SCAF for the Eighth and Ninth Meetings of the Commission, respectively. The USA was elected to take over as Chairman for the next two years until the conclusion of the Commission’s meeting in 1992.

IX Special Consultative Meeting of the Antarctic Treaty

3.14 The Commission considered document CCAMLR-IX/19 in the light of its decision that the Executive Secretary should represent or advise the Chairman at future meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, to which CCAMLR is invited as an observer.

3.15 The Commission agreed that funding for travel in 1990 should be made available from any savings in the 1990 budget items. If necessary, funding could be provided from the income items; Interest, New Members’ Contributions or Staff Assessment Levy. The UK Delegation noted that the effect of approving the travel costs in this manner was to increase Members’ 1991 Contributions.