

## OBSERVATION AND INSPECTION

7.1 The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Observation and Inspection (SCOI) Mr A. Fernandez Aguirre (Spain) introduced the report of the Committee. A copy is included with this report as Annex 7.

### Reports of Inspections

7.2 The Commission noted that USSR inspectors had carried out 150 inspections of USSR vessels during 1990/91, but that reports of these inspections had unfortunately not, as had been agreed at the last meeting (CCAMLR-IX, paragraph 11.3), been submitted using the agreed CCAMLR reporting forms.

7.3 It was emphasised that while the CCAMLR System is an international system providing for the inspection of vessel operating under the flag of one Member State by inspectors nominated by another Member State this did not preclude national inspections.

7.4 The USSR Delegation said that it was their intention in the future to conduct all inspections in accordance with the provisions of the CCAMLR System and to report them on the CCAMLR forms.

### CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation

7.5 At its last meeting, the Commission commenced discussion on a scheme of international scientific observation in conformity with Article XXIV of the Convention. The Commission has interpreted the Convention as requiring the implementation of a system of international inspection to ensure compliance with conservation measures in force and a scheme of international scientific observation as part of the data gathering machinery necessary to achieve the objectives of the Convention.

7.6 The Standing Committee on Observation and Inspection presented a set of provisions for a scheme based on a draft prepared by the Secretariat in response to a request by the Commission at its last meeting. Some delegations had difficulty in accepting that nationals of Members could be engaged as observers. Most of the provisions were agreed.

7.7 The Scientific Committee had reviewed the scientific objectives and priorities of a scheme of observation and had reported to the Commission. The report recommended that as a matter of priority, the scheme should focus on commercial vessels, identified priorities for the allocation of activities for observers, recommended formats for the reports of observers and recommended that tasks for observers on research vessels not be specified in the scheme.

7.8 Consensus on the scheme was not reached and the Commission agreed to continue discussions at the next meeting.

7.9 Several Members expressed disappointment that the Commission had not succeeded fully in establishing a scheme of international scientific observation at this meeting. But in view of the large measure of agreement that did exist on the provisions and operation of a

scheme Members were encouraged bilaterally to arrange for observers to be placed on board vessels operating in the fisheries listed by the Scientific Committee using the draft provisions developed at this meeting as a basis for their arrangements. The draft provisions are set out in paragraph 6 of the SCOI report (Annex 7).