COMPLIANCE WITH CONSERVATION MEASURES IN FORCE

8.1 This item was referred to the Standing Committee on Observation and Inspection. The report of the Committee's discussion is contained in Annex 7.

8.2 There were three infractions reported to the Commission this year. All involved USSR fishing vessels and all involved 'improper maintenance of documentation'. Fines had been imposed by the USSR Ministry of Fisheries.

8.3 The Commission endorsed the view of the Standing Committee that, in the future, reports of actions taken by Flag States as a result of infractions should contain reasonable detail of the nature of the infraction and of the sanctions imposed.

8.4 The Commission noted the actions reported by some Members to implement conservation measures adopted at the last meeting. It also noted that the USSR had not complied with Conservation Measure 26/IX requiring the submission of data from the longline fishery for *D. eleginoides*. It was agreed that measures to ensure compliance with catch reporting would be incorporated in relevant conservation measures for the coming season.