

#### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

13.1 It was noted that Russia would complete its term as Vice-Chairman of the Commission at the conclusion of the Twelfth Meeting. Japan was elected to serve in this position from the end of the 1993 meeting until the end of the meeting in 1995.

#### NEXT MEETING

14.1 The 1994 meetings of the Commission and the Scientific Committee will be held in Hobart during the period 24 October to 4 November.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 The Delegations of Argentina and Chile made several remarks in relation to the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources in the area of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands:

15.2 They highlighted the understanding underlying the withdrawal of Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda (Management and Conservation of Antarctic marine living resources in the area of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands) that issues which might have arisen under that item could be addressed under other items of the Agenda, in particular Items 6 (Observation and Inspection) and 8 (Conservation Measures). Attention had been drawn to the terms of the joint statement by Argentina and the UK (COMM CIRC 93/25) to “renew efforts in the context of CCAMLR to ensure the conservation of the marine living resources in the Southern Ocean”. Partial discussion of this issue had been reflected *inter alia* in specific aspects under Items 6 and 8 of the Agenda, where the opinion was sustained that only the application of the full range of CCAMLR instrumentalities would effectively cope with the challenges posed in Statistical Subareas 48.3 and 48.4.

15.3 They further expressed that an example of this integrated approach was the suggestion to designate such statistical subarea as a special area for protection and scientific study; which closely followed the Commission’s previous decision (Conservation Measure 7/V) to monitor directly all fisheries permitted around South Georgia. The ecological unity of this area, the closest to the South American continent, was underlined.

15.4 They concluded that in the light of these comments, matters which could arise in the intersessional period, particularly with regard to the rightful application of the Convention and its rules and measures, should be reviewed at the next CCAMLRL meeting.

15.5 The Chairman noted this request and expressed his readiness to consider any appropriate suggestion for a follow-up of this question.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE  
TWELFTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

16.1 The Report of the Twelfth Meeting of the Commission was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

17.1 In closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked the Secretariat for its support and assistance, the observers for their participation and the delegations for their cooperation and constructive efforts in making the meeting a success.