

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), Mr G. de Villiers (South Africa), presented the report of the Committee (Annex 4) and outlined the results of discussions.

### Audited Financial Statements

2.2 The Commission accepted the Financial Statements for 1993.

### Appointment of Auditor

2.3 As recommended by SCAF, the Commission agreed to appoint the Australian National Audit Office as the Commission's external auditor for a further two years, and directed that in respect of the 1994 financial year a review audit would be required.

2.4 To permit the auditor to perform a review audit only, the Commission adopted the changes to the Financial Regulations as set out in Appendix 1 to the SCAF report.

### Review of the 1994 Budget

2.5 The Commission noted that the forecast results of income and expenditure for 1994 were in line with the agreed budget of A\$1 633 000.

### Publications Distribution Policy

2.6 The Commission endorsed the advice of SCAF that the trial period for the new distribution policy continue for a second year, as agreed at the 1993 meeting of the Commission. The Commission directed that the Secretariat correspond with Members, as recommended by SCAF, and prepare a full cost-benefit analysis to assist the Commission's deliberations at the 1995 meeting.

### *CCAMLR Science*

2.7 In receiving SCAF's report on the progress of the *CCAMLR Science* publication, the Commission noted that approval of budgeted expenditure for this publication is for the production of only one issue per year.

## Meeting Costs

2.8 The Commission noted SCAF's advice that it was not able to identify further savings in the meeting-costs budget at this stage. It was noted that the Secretariat should not cease its endeavours to ensure that such costs are kept to a minimum.

## 1995 Budget

2.9 The budget of A\$1 691 900 for 1995, as presented in the report of SCAF, was adopted by the Commission.

2.10 The Commission noted the advice of SCAF concerning the increasing work being asked of the Secretariat and the resources available to and allocated by it. The Commission directed the 1995 meeting of SCAF to set priorities when recommending the 1996 budget to the Commission.

2.11 The Commission noted the advice of the Chairman of the Scientific Committee that the Committee currently endeavours to ascertain the financial implications of any recommendation it makes for action by the Commission. The Commission agreed that any proposals put to it or the Scientific Committee for work to be performed should include a statement of financial implications.

## 1996 Forecast Budget

2.12 The Commission noted a forecast 1996 expenditure budget of A\$1 759 700.

## Review of Formula for Calculating Members' Contributions

2.13 The Commission agreed to use the existing formula for calculating Members' contributions to the 1995 budget.

2.14 Several Members expressed disappointment that no agreement could be reached at this year's meeting but stressed the importance of achieving a result next year.

2.15 Argentina pointed out the Commission's obligation to have a formula appropriate to the requirements of the Convention. The Commission endorsed SCAF's recommendation that SCAF should treat as a priority the aim to reach a consensus on an acceptable formula at next year's meeting.

2.16 The Delegation of France considered that one should not lose sight of the fact that taking into account the quantity of catches in the contribution formula offsets the cost to CCAMLR resulting from fishing activities (particularly setting up and enforcing conservation measures). It wished to insist that, in its opinion, any new formula for the calculation of contributions should take this principle into account.

2.17 The Commission endorsed SCAF's report on this matter and the proposals contained therein regarding intersessional work to resolve this question.

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2.18 The Executive Secretary advised that following comments from some delegates the proposed design had been revised and a new version was displayed at the meeting for further consideration by Members. This matter will be considered at the Commission's next meeting.

#### Other Business

2.19 The Commission noted the concern of SCAF that the Committee had had insufficient time to discuss all matters referred to it. The Commission took this into consideration when determining the length of next year's meeting (paragraph 15.1).

2.20 The Chairman of SCAF advised the meeting that SCAF's concerns regarding the financial implications of proposals made by the Standing Committee on Observation and Inspection (SCOI) were no longer valid. The Australian Government has offered A\$20 000 to finance these proposals.

2.21 Appreciation was expressed to the Chairman of SCAF for his effective management of the SCAF meeting.