

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

12.1 The Commission noted that the Executive Secretary's term of office expires in February 1997. Under the agreed procedures for re-appointment of the Executive Secretary, this item had been included in the Agenda so as to consider at this point in time the consequences of the mechanism for his replacement. In doing so, the Commission wished to avoid an interim situation in which the post of Executive Secretary to CCAMLR could fall vacant over a prolonged period of time.

12.2 The Commission therefore agreed to extend the term of office of the Executive Secretary by one year from February 1997 to February 1998.

12.3 It further agreed that the subject of the re-appointment of the Executive Secretary for a second term be placed on the Agenda for next year's meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

13.1 It was noted that Japan would complete its term as Vice-Chairman of the Commission at the conclusion of the Fourteenth Meeting. Ukraine was elected to serve in this position from the end of the 1995 meeting until the end of the meeting in 1997.

NEXT MEETING

Invitation of Observers to Next Meeting

14.1 The Commission decided that the following states: Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Greece, Netherlands, Peru and Uruguay, and the following intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations: FAO, SCAR, SCOR, IWC, IOC, FFA, ICCAT, IOFC, SPC, CCSBT, IATTC, ASOC and IUCN be invited to attend CCAMLR-XV as observers.

14.2 Chile expressed a reservation with respect to the participation of IUCN as an observer at the 1996 meeting of the Commission.

14.3 Japan noted the paper distributed during the meeting by the ASOC Observer. While respecting ASOC's right to present this information paper, it felt it was a statement on policy issues which more correctly fell within the Commission's area of responsibility. Japan also pointed out that it believed future such information papers from non-governmental organisation observers should be matters of substance or science and not opinions.

Date and Location of Next Meeting

14.4 To provide SCAF and SCOI with more time for their deliberations, it was decided that in 1996 the Commission commence its meeting on a Monday, in order that it can convene for a full two weeks. Members agreed that the 1996 meetings of the Commission and the Scientific Committee be held at the Wrest Point Hotel in Hobart during the period Monday 21 October to Friday 1 November 1996. Heads of Delegation were requested to be in Hobart for a Heads of Delegation meeting on Sunday evening 20 October.