

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

14.1 Having at its last meeting extended the appointment of the Executive Secretary for one year to February 1998, the Commission agreed to extend the appointment until February 2001.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

15.1 In accordance with the agreed procedure, set down in the footnote to Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission agreed that Germany shall provide the Chairman from the end of the 1996 meeting until the end of the 1998 meeting.

15.2 In accepting the nomination, the Delegate of Germany expressed the gratitude of his country and recognised the significant amount of work which was facing the Commission over the next few years.

NEXT MEETING

Invitation of Observers to Next Meeting

16.1 The Commission decided that the following states: Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Greece, Netherlands and Peru 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-XVI as observers.

Date and Location of Next Meeting

16.2 Members agreed that the 1997 meetings of the Commission and the Scientific Committee be held at the Wrest Point Hotel in Hobart, Australia, during the period Monday 27 October to Friday 7 November 1997. Heads of Delegation were requested to be in Hobart for a Heads of Delegation meeting on Sunday evening 26 October.

OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 The Commission agreed with the proposal of the Republic of Korea that, commencing in 1997, each delegation at the annual meeting should move one position to the left.

17.2 The Delegation of Chile formally requested the inclusion in the 1997 agenda of the item 'Consideration of the Implementation of the Objectives of CCAMLR'. It hoped that specific subitems would be developed during the intersessional period.

17.3 The Chairman brought to the attention of the Commission the advice received from Namibia that it was interested in being involved in the operation of the Commission and would take steps to ensure that Namibian vessels fishing in the Convention Area will comply with CCAMLR conservation measures in force.

REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

18.1 The report of the Fifteenth Meeting was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

19.1 Members congratulated the Chairman on the professional and diplomatic way he has handled the meeting over the last two years.

19.2 The Chairman closed the meeting.