

## ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

14.1 It was noted that Uruguay would complete its term as Vice-Chairman of the Commission at the conclusion of the Eighteenth Meeting. Russia was elected to serve in this position from the end of the 1999 meeting until the end of the meeting in 2001. It was noted that this appointment would be appropriate not only in reflecting the valuable contribution which Russia makes to the Commission, but also would be consistent with the desire of the Commission to balance the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship in terms of harvesting activities of the Members.

## APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

15.1 The Commission agreed to extend the tenure of the Executive Secretary for a further year until February 2002. In order to solicit applications for his replacement from the widest possible range of candidates, it was agreed that the search for the new Executive Secretary be initiated at CCAMLR-XIX in accordance with agreed procedures.

15.2 The Commission instructed SCAF to clarify the terms of tenure of an Executive Secretary and consider an amendment to the Rules of Procedure at the next meeting to reflect the consensus of Parties that an Executive Secretary should serve no more than two consecutive terms.

## NEXT MEETING

16.1 The Commission decided that the following states, who have acceded to the Convention, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Greece, Netherlands and Peru and the following intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations: ASOC, CCSBT, CEP, FAO, FFA, I-ATTC, ICCAT, IOC, IOFC, IUCN, IWC, SCAR, SCOR, SPC and UNEP be invited to attend CCAMLR-XIX as observers.

16.2 The Commission recognised the valuable contribution made by the Governments of Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands), Mauritius and Namibia to the work of the Commission at CCAMLR-XVIII and it was agreed that they should again be invited to attend CCAMLR-XIX as observers. The Commission also agreed to again invite Belize, Panama, Portugal, Seychelles and Vanuatu, as it believed those Parties may be interested in, and be able to contribute to, the work of the Commission.

16.3 The European Community explained that exceptional diplomatic circumstances had prevented Portugal from being represented at CCAMLR-XVIII.

16.4 The Commission agreed with the suggestion of Chile that the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific be invited and encouraged to attend as they were interested in areas adjacent to the Convention Area, and concerned with issues in common with the Commission.

16.5 Due to China's involvement in the trade of *Dissostichus* spp., the Commission agreed that the Chairman should write a letter to the Government of China inviting it to attend CCAMLR-XIX as an observer.

## Date and Location of Next Meeting

16.6 Members agreed that the 2000 meeting of the Commission and the Scientific Committee be held at the Wrest Point Hotel in Hobart, Australia, during the period 23 October to 3 November 2000. Heads of Delegation were requested to be in Hobart for a Heads of Delegation meeting on 22 October 2000.

16.7 Members were reminded that the 2000 meeting would be taking place at the same time as the Paralympics and shortly after the Olympic Games, both of which will take place in Sydney,

Australia. While arrangements have been made to ensure that all meeting services are committed for the period of the 2000 meeting, delegates were advised to ensure that travel arrangements for the meeting be made as early as possible.