

TEMPORARY RULES OF PROCEDURE

I. Representation

Rule 1

Each participant shall be represented by a delegation composed of a Representative and such Alternate Representatives, Advisers and other persons as it may deem necessary. Their names shall be communicated to the host government prior to the opening of the Meeting.

Rule 2

The order of precedence of the delegation shall be in accordance with the alphabet in the language of the host government.

II. Committees and Working Groups

Rule 3

The Meeting, to facilitate its work, may establish such committees as it may deem necessary for the performance of its functions, defining their terms of reference.

Rule 4

The committees shall operate under the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting, except where they are inapplicable.

Rule 5

Working groups may be established by the Meeting or its committees.

III. Conduct of Business

Rule 6

A quorum shall be constituted by two-thirds of the Representatives participating in the Meeting.

Rule 7

The Chairman shall exercise the powers of his office in accordance with customary practice. He shall see to the observance of the Rules of Procedure and the maintenance of proper order. The Chairman, in the exercise of his functions remains under the authority of the Meeting.

Rule 8

No Representative may address the Meeting without having previously obtained the permission of the Chairman. The Chairman shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The Chairman may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Rule 9

A Representative may at any time make a point of order and the point of order shall be decided immediately by the Chairman in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. A Representative may appeal against the ruling of the Chairman. The appeal shall be put to a vote immediately and the Chairman's ruling shall stand unless over-ruled by a majority of the Representatives present and voting. A representative making a point of order shall not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion. A point of order made during voting may concern only the conduct of the vote.

Rule 10

The Meeting may limit the time to be allotted to each speaker and the number of times he may speak on any subject. When debate is thus limited and a Representative has spoken his allotted time, the Chairman shall call him to order without delay.

Rule 11

A Representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two Representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

Rule 12

A Representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two Representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately. If the Meeting is in favour of the closure, the Chairman shall declare the closure of the debate. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

Rule 13

A Representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the Meeting. Such motions shall not be debated, but shall be put to the vote immediately. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to the speaker moving the suspension or adjournment of the Meeting.

Rule 14

Subject to Rule 11, the following motions shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the Meeting:

- (a) to suspend the Meeting;
- (b) to adjourn the Meeting;
- (c) to adjourn the debate on the item under discussion;
- (d) for the closure of the debate on the item under discussion.

Rule 15

Decisions should be taken according to the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

IV. Languages

Rule 16

English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the official languages of the Meeting.

Rule 17

Any Representative may speak in a language other than the official languages. However, in such cases, he shall provide for interpretation into one of the official languages.

V. Amendments

Rule 18

Amendments to these Rules of Procedure shall be adopted only with the agreement of all the Representatives taking part in the Meeting.