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PART X OBSERVERS

Amendment to Rule 19

RULE 19

The Scientific Committee may extend an invitation to any organisation referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article XXIII of the Convention or to any of those with which the Commission has entered into agreements in accordance with paragraph 4 of the same Article, to attend the meetings of the Scientific Committee as Observers. **Representatives nominated by the Organisation to attend the Scientific Committee Meeting must have suitable scientific qualifications. The Scientific Committee may also invite observers to the meetings of any subsidiary body of the Committee.**

Additional Rules

RULE 20

Subject to Article XII of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources the Committee may:

- (a) extend an invitation to any signatory of the Convention to participate, in accordance with Rules 22, 23 and 24 below, as observers in meetings of the Scientific Committee;
- (b) extend an invitation to any State party to the Convention which is not entitled to be a member of the Commission under Article VII of the Convention to attend, in accordance with Rules 22, 23 and 24 below, as observers in meetings of the Scientific Committee;

- (c) invite as appropriate, any other state to attend, in accordance with Rules 22, 23 and 24 below, as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Committee unless a Member of the Scientific Committee objects;
- (d) invite, as appropriate, organisations named in Article XXIII 2 and 3 of the Convention to attend, in accordance with Rules 22, 23 and 24 below, as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Committee;
- (e) invite, as appropriate, other inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations, to which Article XXIII 3 of the Convention may apply, to attend in accordance with Rules 22, 23 and 24 below, as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Committee unless a Member of the Scientific Committee objects.

RULE 21

- (a) The Chairman may, when preparing with the Executive Secretary the preliminary agenda for a meeting of the Scientific Committee draw to the attention of Members of the Scientific Committee his view that the work of the Scientific Committee would be facilitated by the attendance at its next meeting of an observer referred to in Rule 20, an invitation to which was not considered at the previous meeting. The Executive Secretary shall so inform Members of the Scientific Committee when transmitting to them the Preliminary Agenda under Rule 7;
- (b) The Committee shall take a decision on the Chairman's suggestion and the Executive Secretary shall so inform Members of the Scientific Committee when transmitting to them the Provisional Agenda under Rule 7.

RULE 22

- (a) Observers may be present at public and private sessions of the Committee;
- (b) If a Member of the Committee so requests, sessions of the Committee at which a particular agenda item is under consideration shall be restricted to its Members and Observers referred to in Rule 20(a).

RULE 23

- (a) The Chairman may invite observers to address the Committee unless a Member of the Committee objects;
- (b) Observers are not entitled to participate in the taking of decisions.

RULE 24 (Scientific Committee - Rule 20)

- (a) Observers may submit documents to the Secretariat for distribution to Members of the Committee as information documents. Such documents shall be relevant to matters under consideration in the Committee;
- (b) Unless a Member or Members of the Committee request otherwise such document shall be available only in the language or languages and in the quantities in which they were submitted;
- (c) Such documents shall only be considered as Committee documents if so decided by the Committee.