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PART X OBSERVERS

The following replaces existing Rules 19 and 20 and adds new Rules 21, 22 and 23.

RULE 19

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

- (a) 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 21, 22 and 23 below, as observers in meetings of the Scientific Committee;
- (b) invite, as appropriate, any other state to attend, in accordance with Rules 21, 22 and 23 below, as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Committee unless a Member of the Scientific Committee objects;
- (c) invite, as appropriate, organisations named in Article XXIII (2) and (3) of the Convention to attend, in accordance with Rules 21, 22 and 23 below, as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Committee;
- (d) 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 21, 22 and 23 below, as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Committee unless a Member of the Scientific Committee objects.
- (e) The Scientific Committee may also invite observers, in accordance with Rules 19 (a) to (d), to the meetings of any subsidiary body of the Committee.

Observers invited under this rule shall have appropriate scientific qualifications.

RULE 20

- (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 19, 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) Unless a Member of the Committee objects to the participation of an observer no later than 65 days before the beginning of the next meeting, the Executive Secretary shall issue to that observer an invitation to the next meeting of the Scientific Committee. An objection by a Member of the Committee in accordance with this Rule shall be considered at an early point during the next meeting of the Committee.

RULE 21

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 Member of the Committee.

RULE 22

- (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 23

- (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 documents 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.