

RESOLUTION 29/XXVIII

Ratification of the Salvage Convention by Members of CCAMLR

The Commission,

Recognising the difficult and dangerous conditions experienced in high-latitude fisheries in the Convention Area,

Further considering the remoteness of those waters and in consequence the difficulties of search and rescue response,

Noting the duty to render assistance and to proceed with all possible speed to the rescue of persons in distress, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Conscious of the importance of intervention in maritime accidents to ensure the safety of fishing crews and CCAMLR scientific observers and to minimise damage to the marine environment and the surrounding ecosystems,

Aware of the potential costs associated with the rescue of fishing crews and CCAMLR scientific observers or the salvage of a vessel, its cargo or any other property,

Desiring swift intervention in the event of a maritime accident without undue delay due to concern about the process to recover costs,

recommends all Members of CCAMLR that have not yet ratified the International Convention on Salvage, 1989, to consider its ratification, or the adoption of other mechanisms that Members may deem appropriate, to facilitate recovery of expenses reasonably incurred to operators of vessels that assist a vessel or any other property in danger in the CAMLR Convention Area.