

CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CONVENTION

13.1 The Delegation of Chile presented its paper 'Consideration of the Implementation of the Objective of the Convention (Summary)' (CCAMLR-XVI/13). As stated during the Fifteenth Meeting of the Commission, Chile's purpose in maintaining this item on the agenda was to reflect on the true aims of CCAMLR and to enhance the collective mechanisms established by the Convention in furtherance of its conservation goals. In emphasising the multilateral approach to the achievement of the aims of the Convention, Chile was not attempting to undermine or diminish in any way the capacity of States with islands in the Convention Area to exercise their sovereign rights.

13.2 As an initial step, specific proposals had been advanced with regard to Agenda Item 8 (Observation and Inspection) and, once taken up by SCOI, had been positively received and acknowledged, although some of those proposals still required a follow-up. Chile thanked all delegations for their contribution to this outcome. In future Commission meetings other issues which would require further consideration under Agenda Item 13 included:

- (i) harmonisation of the legal regimes coexisting within the Convention, including harmonisation between CCAMLR measures and measures applicable in areas of national jurisdiction within the Convention Area;
- (ii) the need to ensure the consistency and compatibility of this harmonisation process with the relevant provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and other applicable international instruments;
- (iii) the requirement that pertinent scientific advice does not erode the legal status of the marine areas covered by it;
- (iv) in the absence of a unique observation and inspection system, harmonisation and complementarity of the respective norms, as well as the provision of information through a common format;
- (v) exposure of CCAMLR to a broader, more intensive and extensive web of international contacts, in accordance with Articles V, VI, IX.5, XI, XV.3 and XXIII as well as the more compliance-oriented Articles X and XXII; and
- (vi) consolidation, dissemination and appropriate publicity to be given to the CCAMLR ecosystem approach to the sustainable conservation and management of Antarctic marine living resources.

13.3 Chile suggested that, in order to address these issues in a systematic manner, Agenda Item 13 should continue to figure on the Commission's agenda for the time being.

13.4 Argentina expressed support for Chile's initiative and satisfaction for their constructive consideration by SCOI and the Commission. The broad range of issues contained in the Chilean presentation warranted their continued examination within the framework of Agenda Item 13.

13.5 The Commission decided to include in its 1998 agenda the item ‘Consideration of the Implementation of the Objectives of CCAML R’.