

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

14.1 It was noted that Ukraine would complete its term as Vice-Chairman of the Commission at the conclusion of the Sixteenth Meeting. Uruguay was elected to serve in this position from the end of the 1997 meeting until the end of the meeting in 1999.

NEXT MEETING

Invitation of Observers to Next Meeting

15.1 The Commission decided that the following States: Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Greece, Netherlands and Peru, and the following intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations: FAO, SCAR, SCOR, IWC, IOC, FFA, ICCAT, SPC, CCSBT, I-ATTC, ASOC and IUCN be invited to attend CCAMLR-XVII as observers.

15.2 The Commission also agreed to invite Mauritius and Namibia as observers to next year's meeting (see paragraph 5.37).

15.3 The Commission noted that the invited observers may participate in sessions of the Plenary meeting and of meetings of the standing committees. However, Rule 32(b) contains the facility to allow Members to decide which agenda items are not open to participation by observers.

15.4 The Commission directed the Executive Secretary, in drafting the agenda for the 1998 meeting of SCOI, to structure it in such a way as to permit as wide a participation as possible in discussions relating to illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing.

Date and Location of Next Meeting

15.5 Members agreed that the 1998 meetings of the Commission and the Scientific Committee be held at the Wrest Point Hotel in Hobart, Australia, during the period Monday, 26 October to Friday, 6 November 1998.