

OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 The USA recalled that paragraph 2.5 of the Scientific Committee's report (SC-CAMLR-XVI) dealing with future krill fishing, included an expression of interest in such fishing by USA firms. The USA noted that it had been informed of additional expression of interest by a USA firm in fishing for *E. carlsbergi* and *C. gunnari* in Subarea 48.3.

16.2 The USA drew the attention of the Commission to a letter dated 3 November 1997 addressed to the Executive Secretary from the International Coalition of Fisheries Associations (ICFA), which had been circulated to delegates. ICFA represents the views of fishing organisations from a large number of Member and non-Member nations.

16.3 The letter expressed concern over reports of widespread uncontrolled fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in the Convention Area and urged the following actions:

- (i) that countries with EEZs in which illegal fishing is alleged to be occurring take immediate action to prevent further such activity;
- (ii) that CCAMLR compile a register of vessels permitted to fish for *Dissostichus* spp. within CCAMLR waters; and
- (iii) that countries importing *Dissostichus* spp. ensure that only *Dissostichus* spp. caught by vessels permitted to fish in CCAMLR waters and the EEZs of Antarctic territories be allowed into trade in their markets.

16.4 The Commission welcomed the fact that responsible fishing organisations shared its concern over illegal fishing, and noted that all actions suggested by ICFA had already been given careful consideration during the course of the meeting.

16.5 Chile referred to the various documents that had been circulated to delegates concerning estimates of catches and landings of *D. eleginoides*. It noted that one paper in particular from FAO reported reasonably accurately the exports of *D. eleginoides* from Chile in 1995 based on catches in the Chilean EEZ and in Subarea 48.3. In view of the fact that such reliable information is available for many countries' exports and does not quite match the estimated amount of *D. eleginoides* available on the world market (paragraph 4.10), Chile considers that the possibility suggested by the USA of further investigating markets for this species indeed has some merit.

16.6 The Observer from CCSBT advised that the Commission had received no report from the CCAMLR Observer to the Fourth Annual Meeting of CCSBT as that meeting had not yet closed. The report will be provided to the Secretariat when it becomes available.

16.7 He also welcomed the increasing extent of cooperation between CCAMLR and CCSBT, which CCSBT would be pleased to see continue.

16.8 The Commission agreed that the item, 'Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing in the Convention Area' again be included in the meeting's agenda next year, and that it be divided into two subitems: (i) Implementation and Effectiveness of Measures Adopted in 1997; and (ii) Examination of Additional Measures.

16.9 Australia requested that the information described in paragraphs 8.11 and 8.13 be supplied to Members at as early a stage as possible, to enable Members to give sufficient consideration to the success of these measures and to reflect on future requirements.