

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

TWENTIETH MEETING

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In the Chair : Mr. I. Fujita

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Gentlemen, will you please come to order? As you know, Mr. Tame, Chairman of the Commission, Commissioner of the United Kingdom, is unable to come to Tokyo for this meeting which he was expected to preside over. Consequently, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, with your approval, I, being the Vice Chairman of the Commission, will preside at the meeting as Acting Chairman.

Gentlemen, I hereby declare the 20th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission open. I would like to welcome all the delegates, commissioners, advisors and observers who have come here all the way from overseas.

First it is my pleasure to introduce His Excellency Mr. Nishimura, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, who will welcome you on behalf of the Government of Japan.

Mr. Naomi Nishimura (Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Government of Japan):

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to make an address of welcome on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Twentieth Meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

First of all, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to commissioners, delegates and observers who have come over to Japan all the way from overseas. Today after a lapse of twenty years since the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling came into effect in 1948, the International Whaling Commission is meeting for its twentieth meeting. During this twenty-year-period, the Commission has made remarkable contributions to the achievement of our common objectives, the protection of whale stocks and orderly development of the whaling industry. I am pleased to state that the work of the Commission has been undertaken in a spirit of mutual understanding and close cooperation amongst the member countries.

As you all know, gentlemen, in our country where land resources are scarce, marine products including the whale resources constitute an important supply source of animal protein in our dietary life. For this reason, the fishing industry has an important role to play in the Japanese economy as well as in the life of the Japanese people. The Japanese Government, therefore, has been making every effort possible for the sound development of this industry. And at the same time, Japan has been working in close cooperation with other countries concerned in the field of investigations and research concerning the conservation and rational utilization of marine resources on the high seas, and has been taking a number of rational conservation measures based on precise scientific data available.

At the Twentieth Meeting of the International Whaling Commission which starts today, a number of important matters including the question of the pelagic catch limit of baleen whales in the Antarctic are to be dealt with and these have particular importance to Japan which has a long whaling history and to which whaling is one of her major industries.

I hope that in this conference full discussion will be made in the spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation and appropriate conclusions which will contribute to ensure the protection of whale stocks as well as an orderly development of the whaling industry will be reached.

Gentlemen, I would like to conclude my address by wishing the commissioners, delegates and observers who have come over to Japan all the way that your stay in Japan will be most enjoyable and serve as an opportunity of seeing with your own eyes some of this country and deepening further your understanding.

Thank you.

(Applause) (Mr. Nishimura then left the meeting)

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) At this stage, I have to ask any members of the press who are present to leave as the Commission has decided to conduct its deliberations in private. Will you please leave the conference room?

(The press then left the conference room)

We now come to Item 2 of our Provisional Agenda, Arrangements for meeting and adoption of Agenda.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I now ask the Secretary to call the roll of delegates.

The SECRETARY: I will now call the roll of delegates.

(The roll call is taken)

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you. The Agenda was circulated more than 60 days in advance of this meeting, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Now we have to adopt it. Now may I ask if someone will propose the adoption of the Agenda?

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): I make the motion to adopt it.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Canada has moved the adoption of the Agenda. Is there anyone to second it? (NORWAY seconded) The Norwegian delegation has seconded the motion. Is there any objection to the adoption of this Agenda? If there is no objection, then this Agenda has been adopted. Now I come to another sub-item, Item 2, Arrangements for meeting. I now will ask if the Secretary wishes to make any announcement about the arrangements for the meeting.

The SECRETARY: I have one or two small announcements to make. The arrangements this year are much on the same lines as in the previous years, although I suspect that the Commissioners and Delegates will find the facilities available rather better than those which we can normally provide in London. The Japanese Secretariat have very kindly provided a plan of the rooms that are available. You will see that there are a number of committee rooms and should any of the delegates wish to hold meetings, we can arrange to provide them the necessary rooms in which to do it. The Secretariat's rooms are on the

floor above, and if there is any assistance which we can render to the delegates, we should be happy to do so. There is one slight change in the arrangements this year, which I ought perhaps mention to you now. Normally we have the verbatim record on the following morning. This may not be available on the following morning this year. But summary records are being made and will be available the following day. The verbatim record will come along a little later. If there are any delegates who require the documents, they will be available from the Information Room just across the way. The arrangements for speaking are very simple. You merely have to press button in front of you and when the light comes on, it is in order for you to go ahead and speak. As you will see from the papers that have been handed round, there are invitations to a number of functions this week. I have been asked to ask the delegates to reply to those invitations. There is, on Tuesday one from the Japan Whaling Association, on Wednesday the invitation is from the Japanese Government and again on Friday from the Japan Whaling Association. I might mention, in connection with the Friday visit, that transportation will be provided at about 5:30. But perhaps I had better remind the delegates about it later in the week. You will note that in the case of the Japanese Government's invitation, regrets only are required. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Stacey. I wonder if there is any question concerning this item? If there is no question, concerning this Item 2, then we now come to Item 3, Appointment of Committees. Rules of Procedure, Rule 18, requires us to establish 3 committees, namely the Scientific Committee, the Technical Committee, and the Finance and Administration Committee. It requires that the Chairman calls the Commissioners to determine if they desire representation on the Scientific and the Technical Committees. The Commissioners are asked to designate their members. It does not necessarily follow that the Commissioners should designate members immediately, but if they do not do so, then they are expected to inform the Secretary as soon as possible. I will now ask the Secretary to call on the Commissioners to see whether they desire representation, first on the Scientific Committee.

The SECRETARY: This is for the Scientific Committee. Will each commissioner, please indicate if he wishes to be represented on it.

Argentina	No.
Australia	No.
Canada	Yes.
Denmark	No.
France	No.
Iceland	No.
Japan	Yes.
Mexico	Not present.
Netherlands	No.
Norway	Yes, but not at this meeting.
South Africa	No.
U.S.S.R.	Mr. Jigalov, Mr. Nikolaev, Dr. Ivashin.
U.S.A.	Dr. Chapman.
U.K.	Mr. Brown and Mr. Gambell.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Gentlemen, may I take this opportunity to draw the attention of gentlemen sitting far end of the table from this side in this room, will you please, when you talk, make your statement clearly so that I can hear. As I cannot see you clearly, I wish you to make yourselves clear so that I can see who is speaking. Now I would like to ask the Secretary to poll the representation on the Technical Committee.

SECRETARY: This is for representation on the Technical Committee.

Argentina	No.
Australia	Yes.
Canada	Yes.
Denmark	No.
France	No.
Iceland	No.
Japan	Yes.
Netherlands	No.
New Zealand	Yes.
Norway	Yes.
South Africa	Yes.
U.S.S.R.	Yes.
United Kingdom	Yes.
United States	Yes.

The Chairman: (Interpretation) The other Committee we have to appoint is the Finance and Administration Committee and the rules of procedure say that this shall consist of five Commissioners appointed by the Chairman. I believe it has been the practice for the Chairman to have regard to the different types of interests represented on the Commission and I would like to follow this practice. This practice is, as I have said, to have regard to the different types of interests represented on the Commission, that is, those countries with pelagic expeditions, those countries with land stations and also the non-whaling countries. In pursuance of this, I should like to ask the Commissioners of the following countries if they are kind enough to serve on this Committee to be set up.

I would like to ask the following countries to serve on the Committee, U.S.S.R., Norway, South Africa, Canada, Iceland. I wonder if the Commissioners representing those countries would be kind enough to serve on the Committee.

Mr. OKAZAKI (Iceland): (Interpretation) Would you consider this fact that I am representative as Iceland but I am very sorry I was not given any instruction from the Government and also I myself am a Japanese and living in Japan and I am afraid I will not be able to be responsible for this Committee.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) As the Representative of Iceland has stated, Iceland is not able to serve on the Committee, so I wonder if the Representative of New Zealand would be kind enough to serve on this Committee.

Mr. ATKINS (New Zealand): Thank you Mr. Chairman, I am sorry I am not authorized to accept appointment on this Committee.

The SECRETARY: I wonder if I could just remind the Delegates that when they wish to speak, would they press the red button and when the red light goes on you can go ahead and speak. At the moment we cannot hear at this end of the room.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) The proposal has been turned down by the New Zealand Delegation, I wonder whether the Netherlands Representative would be kind enough to serve on this Committee.

It seems that the Delegate of Netherlands is not present. May I ask the Delegate of Denmark to serve on this Committee?

Mr. TILLISCH (Denmark): Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask if it has been taken into consideration that I am participating not as a Commissioner of Denmark but as an Observer. I think the Secretariat has been informed accordingly. So I do not know whether it is possible for me to sit in that Committee.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I would like to say that if the Delegate of Denmark is appointed to represent Denmark, then you are entitled to participate in the work of the Finance and Administration Committee.

Mr. TILLISCH (Denmark): Thank you Mr. Chairman, I will be very happy to do that.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. Now we have overcome this problem of great difficulty and I would like again to ask the Representatives of those countries I nominated if they will serve on the Finance and Administration Committee.

I think that that completes our business under Item 3 of the Agenda and we now come to Item 4, Finance and Administration.

The review of the Commission's financial position accounts for 1967-68 and Estimates for 1968-69 has been already circulated among the Commissioners. If there are any Commissioners who have not yet received the Papers, please ask the Secretariat for copies.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) In accordance with past practice which the Commission has adopted, I would like to propose that this item should be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for its consideration. Unless any Commissioner wishes to comment at this stage, I suggest that we take up this item later in the meeting after the Finance and Administration Committee has reported. Is there any comment to make at this stage? As it seems there are no comments to be made, I would like to ask the Finance and Administration Committee to study this item and report.

Now, we come to Item 5, review of previous season's catches. In the past, under this item Mr. Vangstein of the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics prepared statistics and was invited to give us a report at the meeting. However, I have received a letter from Mr. Vangstein to the effect that he is unable to come to Tokyo to attend the meeting. But he was kind enough to send us statistics and reports which he prepared for the meeting, and I understand these papers and statistics have already been circulated amongst the Commissioners for careful study.

I wonder if anyone in the Norwegian Delegation has been requested by Mr. Vangstein to make any comments or report on his behalf at this stage of the meeting under this item. Mr. Knudtzon.

Mr. H. Th. KNUDTZON (Norway): Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vangstein, who unfortunately has not been in a position to come to this meeting in Tokyo, has asked me on his behalf to present to the Commission the following comments on the statistical material prepared for this meeting.

The Committee for International Whaling Statistics has issued its publications, Nos. 59 and 60, relating to the catch in areas outside the Antarctic in 1966 and the Antarctic in the 1966/67 season. Provisional figures for this catch were presented to the 19th annual meeting of the Commission in 1967. A provisional edition of publication No. 61 containing figures for the catch in areas outside the Antarctic in 1967 has also been submitted to the Commission. Reference is made to the preamble of this publication according to which figures for the catch in some sectors of minor importance were lacking. Since this statistical material was released, a statement of the catch by Brazil has been received to the effect that 55 sei whales, 20 sperm whales and 488 minke whales, in all 563 whales were caught. 4,311 barrels of oil were produced. Figures for this catch are -- as will be understood -- not included in the provisional statistics presented to the Commission.

No whaling operations were conducted by Peru in 1967. Two land stations in Chile caught 65 blue whales. The Government of Chile has informed the Committee that only one station will be in operation in 1968, and that the catch of blue whales, humpback whales and right whales from this station will be prohibited. It is therefore reasonable to believe that blue whales will not be taken in 1968.

During 1967 only 4 humpback whales were caught from Greenland constituting the total catch of this species for that year.

The catch from Natal and Cape Province was significantly reduced in 1967 compared to previous years. According to information received by the I.W.S. on catch will be carried out from Cape Province in 1968.

Seven pelagic expeditions produced altogether 590,000 barrels of whale oil from the catch in the North Pacific Ocean in 1967/68. The production of 8 pelagic expeditions in the Antarctic amounted to 419,000 barrels. The North Pacific Ocean has consequently taken over the role as the most important catching area.

Statistics for the catch in the 1967/68 Antarctic season are now available based on monthly and weekly reports to the bureau of the I.W.S. on the catch of baleen whales as well as detailed reports at the end of the season as provided for in paragraph 16 in the Schedule.

The monthly reports are submitted in accordance with the proposal made by the Scientific Committee. They specify the catch in each square as well as the average catch per catcher day. A survey of these figures were submitted to the FAO following the termination of the catch and copies were sent to the scientists in Japan, Norway and the Soviet Union.

Eight pelagic expeditions were sent to the Antarctic in 1967/68 compared to nine expeditions in 1966/67. The one expedition withdrawn belongs to Norway. Four of the expeditions were Japanese, three came from the Soviet Union and one from Norway.

No catch took place from land stations on South Georgia in 1967/68.

The global quota of 3,200 units was divided between the three active pelagic whaling nations as follows: Japan, 1,493 blue whale units; Norway, 731 blue whale units; and the U.S.S.R., 976 blue whale units.

Japan caught 1,493 units, Norway caught 292 units, and the U.S.S.R. caught 1,019 units, making a total catch for the 1967/68 season of 2,804 blue whale units.

The best estimate of the FAO Committee for the sustainable yield in 1967/68 was 3,000 units, or 200 units more than the number of units actually taken during that season.

The catch of fin whales was 2,150 against an estimated sustainable yield of 4,800. The catch of sei whales was 10,400 against an estimated sustainable yield of 3,700.

The relatively small catch of fin whales during the last season is partly due to the fact that some expeditions prefer sei whales to fin whales as more meat can be produced from sei whales than from fin whales counted as blue whale units. The ratio between fin and sei varies from one expedition to another. While one expedition caught only sei whales, another took only 36 percent sei. The average for all expeditions was 17 percent fin and 83 percent sei, approximately the same ratio as in the last season. Indeed, quite a development has taken place since the late 20's when whaling expeditions only took fin whales in exceptional cases and as a last resort in order to get fully loaded.

In the later seasons the catch has mostly been based on the even smaller sei whale. Last season 600 minke whales were caught, of which one expedition took 580. While two fin whales and six sei whales correspond to one blue whale unit, one would probably have to take quite a considerable number of minke whales - perhaps as many as 35 to 30 - to get a yield corresponding to one blue whale unit. The whaling companies which started to hunt blue whales in the Antarctic certainly did not anticipate such a depreciation of the catching possibilities.

The first season when sei whales were caught in great numbers was the season 1964/65. Out of a total catch of approximately 20,000, 16,000 sei whales were taken in Area II, mostly between 40-60 degrees West. Likewise, in the 1965/66 season, the major part of the sei whale catch took place in the same area, although the catch was more evenly spread over the whole area. In the two latest seasons the expeditions moved in an eastward direction in their search for sei whales. The main catch in the 1966/67 season was made in Area III, while in the last season the main catches were concentrated in Areas IV, V and VI.

Sei whales were not taken between 30 and 60 degrees West during the last season. In the 1964/65 season, 14,000 sei whales were taken in this area.

According to the information received by I.W.S., 2,335 sperm whales were taken in the Antarctic in 1967/68. 1,275 sperm whales were taken by the Antarctic pelagic expeditions on their way to and from the Antarctic.

In addition, the I.W.S. received a notice dated 10 June from "Sovietskaya Ukraina" to the effect that the expedition had caught 233 sperm whales in the Antarctic and 13 outside the Antarctic after the end of the baleen whaling season. From this catch 7,867 barrels of oil were produced. This figure is not included in the statistics submitted by the I.W.S. and should consequently be added.

The expeditions used on average 12.1 catchers in the 1967/68 season. The average catch per catcher day was 0.29 blue whale unit corresponding approximately to the results obtained during the two preceding seasons.

Members of the Commission will find detailed information as to the catch in the Antarctic in the 1967/68 season in the tables submitted.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Knudtzon. If there is no other comment to make, I would like to ask the Scientific Committee and Technical Committee to study carefully the documents prepared by Mr. Vangstein in their deliberations, as this has been, I understand, the practice of the Commission. I think that this item is finished. Is that agreed?

Now we come to Agenda Item No. 6 - International Observers Scheme. The scheme to permit the Antarctic pelagic whaling countries to place observers of their own nationalities on each others factory ships to ensure that the quota of catch and the terms of the Convention are being correctly observed was agreed and signed in 1963 but expired at the end of 1965/1966 season without having been implemented.

Following discussions at the 1966 meeting of Commission a working group was set up to draw up an international observers scheme to cover all types of whaling operations and I understand that Mr. Graham of the United Kingdom was elected the Chairman of that

working group. At the meeting last year the Commission on the recommendation of the Technical Committee invited the countries concerned to establish regional scheme or schemes along the lines proposed by the working group.

However, the Commission deferred the making of consequential amendment to the schedule because of doubt of its power to do so without the amendment having been provided for as a separate item on the Agenda.

I think this is the brief history of this item. As regards the question of the amendment to the schedule on this year's Agenda, you will find this item under Item 17 (1).

If there is no comment to make at this stage, perhaps we should refer this item to the Technical Committee for its careful consideration and we shall return to this subject at a later plenary meeting and take action accordingly.

Is there any objection to referring to this item to the Technical Committee for its consideration? Is that agreed? ... So it is decided.

Then we now come to Item 7; Report of the Scientific Committee. As you know, the Scientific Committee met during last week and I have heard that they have carried out their work. But I am not certain whether they have completed their work and finished their report. So may I ask the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr. Chapman, to make any remarks at this stage concerning this item.

Dr. CHAPMAN (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, the Scientific Committee met last week as you stated and while we completed our work in part on Friday, we have not yet approved the final report. We are meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock for that purpose. I should point out that the report in its present form is in the folders of all of the member commissioners and advisors as I.W.C./20/4 and I hope that there will be none or very few changes when we look at that this afternoon but we have not yet given final approval, so I am not in a position to speak any more about it at this time.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Dr. Chapman. Now according to Dr. Chapman's report, the final report of the Scientific Committee has not been approved. So, I would like the Scientific Committee to complete their business as soon as possible, and as regards the treatment of this item, I would like to propose that we should ask the Technical Committee to study the report of the Scientific Committee when it is ready and then we come back again later to this item at the Plenary Session. Is that agreed?

Then we come to Item 8, Special Scientific Investigations of the Whale Stocks. I understand, this item will be covered in the report of the Scientific Committee, which is under Item 7. I understand, this work is also undertaken by the FAO and I wonder whether the observer from FAO, wishes to make his comments at this stage.

Mr. L. K. BOEREMA (FAO): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. FAO has at the request of the Commission, again prepared its annual report. The report is based mainly on the catches of the past season for which the figures have been provided by the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics, and was used as one of the basic documents in the discussions of the Scientific Committee.

The FAO report was submitted to the special working session of the Scientific Committee in the form of a draft, in order to be able to incorporate any new aspects, which might come forward at the meeting of the Scientific Committee. I will not go into the details of this



report now, and I would like to speak of it later on at the Technical Committee. During our discussions, it came forward that perhaps re-assessment on some of the works on fin whales was necessary. Some modifications were made in our report of the fin whale stocks. Unfortunately, I have overlooked that this modification should also be made in the later section of the report. I think it is proper to mention at this stage that, whereas in the discussion and in the summary of our report, it is mentioned that the sustainable yield of fin whales is 4,000, it should be in fact 5,000, so that the estimate of blue whale units contained in our report should not be 2,680, but 3,180. These are the corrections which I hope the Commissioners can include in their copies of our report, I will talk about it later in the Technical Committee in some more detail, but perhaps for those who are not present there, it's useful to know that this correction should be inserted in our report. The correction refers to the very last line of the summary, and to the first paragraph of the discussion. In both the estimate of the fin whales should be changed 4,000 into 5,000, which means an increase of 500 blue whale units. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Boerema.

This item is being considered by the Scientific Committee and I think it is also to be referred to the Technical Committee for its consideration. When the Technical Committee produces its conclusions, then I think we should come back again to this item at the subsequent session. Is it agreed? (Agreed).

I think we have completed our business of the item under 9 so far as today's plenary session is concerned.

I'd like to finish this morning's meeting by a little after 12 o'clock, and I'd like to expedite progress. But it seems that I am losing my voice, so I'd like to propose to have 10 minutes' coffee break and resume the meeting in 10 minutes. And I'd like seek your assistance in carrying out our post-coffee-break business in a speedy manner.

(The Meeting adjourned for coffee break at 11:25 hours.)

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Gentlemen, could we resume the session? We shall now deal with Item 9, Sperm Whale Stocks. I understand that it was decided that the Assessment Working Group was to convene the meeting for the assessment of the sperm whale stocks before May this year. I understand that this meeting was held in Rome in March. A meeting was also held, I remember, in Oslo in February to resolve some of the age determination problems of sperm whales and baleen whales. May I ask Dr. Chapman whether the report has been made or if Dr. Chapman has any comment to make at this stage under this item?

Dr. CHAPMAN (U.S.A.): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The report of the IWC/FAO working group on sperm whale stock assessment has been under further study by the Scientific Committee during this past week, and I do not think there is any need to make a special report on this at this time. We will be making some observations about that when the scientific report is considered. In regard to the meeting at Oslo on Age Determination, this was chaired by Mr. Gambell. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chapman. May I ask Mr. Gambell if he has any comment to make at this stage?

Mr. GAMBELL (U.K.): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Oslo meeting on Age Determination was a highly successful meeting from the scientific point of view. We had probably the best international representation which

there has been at an international whaling meeting - scientific meeting, as a result of which we have been able to agree to a very large extent on the standardization of techniques and interpretation in age determination of whales. The report of this meeting was submitted to the Scientific Committee and I think there is little more that I need to say at this stage other than the most important conclusions as they bear on the Commission's work. For fin whales we have been able to accept the age of fin whales as determined on the present more or less conclusive scientific evidence, as being one growth layer in the ear plug per year which effectively doubles the time scale which we have employed in fin whale age determination in the past, with all the consequent alterations this means in terms of the stock assessments on fin whales. For sperm whales, although we all agree what we count in the teeth, there is no definite knowledge yet to determine how many layers there are per year. The scientists concerned have agreed to accept the rate of one layer per year as a standard and which could be altered in the future in the light of more scientific evidence. For sei whales, it is difficult to count the layers in the ear plug, we do not know how many layers they form per year, we cannot agree on how many to count and the situation for sei whales requires considerably more study. We are not at all confident of the age determination of sei whales. So in summary I would like to go over this again. For fin whales, we have considerable confidence in the age; for sperm whales we have agreed to accept a standard at this time, and for sei whales we are still in a great doubt. In regard to the protected species of humpbacks and blues, we have looked at a little material, but this does not really bear on the Commission's stock assessment program at this time. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Gambell. In regard to treatment of this item, following the past practice of the Commission, I would like to propose that we should refer this matter to the Technical Committee for consideration including the comments made by Dr. Chapman and Mr. Gambell. We shall come back to this item later when the Technical Committee has produced its report. Is that agreed? (Agreed) I don't see there is any objection. Now we come to Item 10. Item 10 is the North Pacific Whale Stocks. I understand that this item has been considered by the scientists of those countries concerned and by the Commissioners of the countries concerned. The meetings of the Commissioners of the countries concerned have been conducting their deliberations under the chairmanship of Dr. McHugh. So may I ask Dr. McHugh whether he has any comments to make or any interim report to make at this stage?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The North Pacific Commissioners have met for two days last week, on Friday and again on Sunday. I am happy to say that we have made some encouraging progress, but we have by no means come to a complete agreement on plans for regulating North Pacific Whaling in the 1969 season. It is clear that since the season is already under way in 1968 the tentative voluntary arrangements described in the appendices attached to the report of our Honolulu meeting will be in effect for the 1968 season. We will be meeting again on Thursday evening this week, and I hope on Friday I will be in the position to report some definite progress to the plenary session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Dr. McHugh. Gentlemen, as in the past, may I suggest that we should refer this matter to the Technical Committee for consideration and come back later to this item again after they have produced some conclusions. Is that agreed? (Agreed.) Now we come Item 11, Land Station Catches in Southern Hemisphere. As regards this item, perhaps, you would refer to paragraph 14 of the Chairman's report of 19th Meeting, which has been already circulated. If, at this stage, there is no comment to make, can I ask the Technical Committee to consider this item? Is that agreed? (Agreed). So, it is decided. Now we come to Item 12, the Economic Studies of Whaling Regulations

I understand that FAO has circulated among the countries concerned a Questionnaire that was generally found acceptable by the Technical Committee last year. May I ask the Observer from FAO if there is any comment or report to make at this stage.

FAO (Mr. Boerema): Thank you Mr. Chairman, unfortunately, it has not been possible for FAO to prepare a Report on this item for this Meeting. I understand that in sufficient information has come in to make such a Report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Boerema. I think that this is also an item which should first be considered by the Technical Committee. Is that agreed? (Agreed).

Now we come to Item 13, Infractions. The past practice of the Commission in dealing with this item has been to ask the Technical Committee to consider this item and the Technical Committee has set up a Sub Committee to study and consider this question. I would like to follow this line and I propose that this item should be referred first to the Technical Committee. Is this agreeable, is there any objections to this proposal? (Agreed). So we shall refer this matter to the Technical Committee for their consideration.

Next we come to the next Item 14, Technical Committee Report. As you know the Technical Committee is to start this afternoon, so we have to wait until the Technical Committee completes its deliberations and submits its Report for our consideration. So, shall we come back to this item at a later Plenary Meeting. I think that is all we can do at this stage. Agreed? (Agreed).

So we have completed the business under Item 14 and we come to Item 15, Finance and Administration Committee Report. I think that the same applies to Item 15 and we have to wait until the Finance and Administration Committee completes their business and submits its Report to us for our consideration, so shall we wait until their Report is ready. Is that agreed? (Agreed). So that has been decided.

Now, we come to Item 16, The Nineteenth Annual Report. I wonder whether a Draft has been circulated. May I ask the Secretary Mr. Stacey whether this document has been circulated amongst the Commissioners?

The SECRETARY: Yes, it is in the package of papers which have been distributed this morning.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Stacey. As it has been made clear that the report has been circulated and distributed this morning in the package of documents, I do not think that the Commissioners have had enough time to study the contents of this Report. So may I ask the Commissioners to study this Report during this week and may I suggest that we should come back again to this item at a later Plenary Meeting? Is that agreed? (Agreed). There seems to be no objection so we have completed this business under Item 16 for the time being.

Now we come to Item 17, Amendment to the Schedule. This is the greatest problem to conquer and also I think the most difficult question to be resolved in the Technical Committee to which this item is to be referred. As Chairman of this meeting I would like to propose that we should refer this item to the Technical Committee first for their consideration and ask the Committee to submit its Report and recommendation and at a later Plenary Session we shall take up this matter on the Report of the Technical Committee.

In this connection could I ask the Technical Committee when they make recommendations under this Item, to indicate in their Report

the precise wording of any amendments to the schedule which they may propose. This may facilitate the work of the Commission if they have a precise form of words before them. If there is no delegate who wishes to comment under this Item at this stage, I would like to complete the business under this Item at the moment by referring it to the Technical Committee for their consideration. Is that agreed? (Agreed). Thank you.

Next, we come to Item 18, Date and Place of Next Meeting. Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedures of the Commission provides "that the Commission shall hold a regular annual meeting in London but the Commission may decide that once in three years the annual meeting may be held at such other place as the Commission may determine." Now, that this Twentieth Meeting is held in Tokyo, I should expect that the next meeting will be held in London. Usually we ask the Finance and Administration Committee to advise on this item, so I would like to ask the Finance and Administration Committee to advise on the date and place of the next Meeting and report back to the Plenary Session. I should like to propose that we should complete our business at the moment under this item by asking the Finance and Administration Committee to advise on it. Is that agreed? (Agreed).

As regards the Items 19 to 22, I would like to follow the past practice of the Commission with regard to the treatment of them. I would like to propose that we leave these four items of the Agenda until later meetings.

However, I would like to draw your attention to Item 21, Election of Chairman and I understand that Mr. Stacey, the Secretary of the Commission has received a letter from Mr. Tame the Chairman of the Commission. May I ask the Secretary to read the letter from Mr. Tame.

The SECRETARY: This is the letter Mr. Chairman.

"Dear Mr. Stacey: For reasons that I have already explained to the Commissioners, it is unfortunately necessary for me to relinquish my Chairmanship of the International Whaling Commission. Accordingly, I am now writing formally to ask you to request the Commission to accept my resignation at its meeting on 24th June 1968. Yours sincerely, W.C. Tame."

That is the letter, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) As you have heard, Mr. Tame wishes to resign from the chairmanship of the Commission as from this meeting. That is the reason why this item has been included on the agenda. The reason why I have taken up this matter now is not that I would like to discuss this item today but I would like to ask the Commissioners to consider this matter during the course of this meeting and make up their minds by the next plenary session when we come back again to this item. Perhaps it will be dealt with at the last meeting, the last session of the plenary session.

Well, I think this concludes the first plenary session of the Commission, and I would like to ask the Technical Committee, Scientific Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee, which we have set up, to convene their meetings as soon as possible and to carry out their work and complete their report quickly.

Yes, the delegate from Australia.

Mr. E. S. HOFFMAN (Australia): Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a small suggestion in respect of item 5, review of previous season's catches. The paper from the IBWS was on this occasion submitted in writing and read by the distinguished delegate from Norway. Earlier it was indicated that there would be some slight delay in the verbatim records of the plenary coming to us. I would like to ask that particular submission be circulated to the Commissioners as an information paper on this occasion even though it has not been the past practice to do so.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) May I ask the Secretary what we could do concerning the request of the delegate of Australia.

The SECRETARY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think a good deal of the material in Mr. Vangstein's report is in the papers that have been circulated from the International Bureau, but no doubt Mr. Knudtzon could let us have the statement he read out this morning, and if that is so we could circulate a copy quite quickly.

Mr. H. Th. KNUDTZON (Norway): Mr. Chairman, I have already given the manuscript to the nice girl in the green robe sitting there, and as far as I know the duplication is already on the way. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is not the whole report but there is some comment on the statistical material from the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Knudtzon. May I ask the delegate of Australia whether you are satisfied with the report and reply from the Secretary and from the delegate of Norway?

Mr. E. S. HOFFMAN (Australia): Most happy, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. I would like to do the best in my power to expedite the progress of the meeting. I would like to conclude the first plenary session of the Commission, but I would like to say a few words about my plan, my schedule, for carrying out this meeting.

My idea is to complete our whole business by Friday afternoon or Friday evening. Therefore, I would like to ask those committees, that is the Technical Committee, Scientific Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee, to convene as soon as

possible and draw up their report, and I would like to resume the second plenary session on Thursday morning, and I would like to provisionally reconvene this meeting at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. I would hope that those committees will have completed their business by Thursday morning when we meet again, I understand the Scientific Committee is to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. Chapman, do you have any announcement?

Dr. CHAPMAN (U. S. A.): Mr. Chairman, may I just make an announcement at this point. I would like the Scientific Committee to meet at 2:30 instead of 2:00.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) We have no objection to the Scientific Committee reconvening its meeting at 2:30 this afternoon. For the Technical Committee I would like to suggest that they should meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon in this room because it seems that among some members who are to take part in the deliberations of the Technical Committee, there are engagements before 3 o'clock, so I would like to suggest 3 o'clock. I would like to ask the members of the Technical Committee to elect their chairman and proceed with the work of the Committee.

May I ask the members of the Finance and Administration Committees to consult with each other and fix the time of their meeting and elect their chairman and start their work as soon as possible. I would like to ask those members who are to take part in the committee work to adjust the timing of the meeting in order to avoid overlapping each other, and may I ask the chairman of those committees to inform the Secretary the time of their meeting. The accommodations will be immediately arranged by the Secretariat.

I think we have completed our business for today as the first plenary session, and I would like to seek your assistance in expediting the progress of the meeting. Unless there is anyone who wishes to make a comment at this stage, I declare that the plenary session is adjourned until 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Thank you very much.

(The Meeting adjourned at 12:45)

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

TWENTIETH MEETING

Session of Thursday, 27th June, 1968

In the Chair : Mr. I. Fujita

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) We begin the second Plenary Session from now. The Delegates, I understand, are invited to a social function this evening, so I would like to finish today's Plenary Session by 5 p.m. or at the latest 5:30 p.m. and we will resume the Plenary Session tomorrow morning.

With regard to the Plenary Session of tomorrow, we have arranged that we shall reconvene the meeting at 10 o'clock. I presume that those who were present at the Technical Committee this morning are informed of the meeting. I would like to complete all the business of the Plenary Session by tomorrow afternoon. Now, I would like to proceed with the business of today. Please refer to the Agenda. We have finished Items 1, 2 and 3.

We would like to deal with the Item 4, this afternoon. As you are aware this item is related to Item 15, Finance and Administration Committee Report and Item 18, Date and Place of next Meeting, so I would like to propose that we deal with these three items together.

Now, I would like to ask Dr. Sprules who was elected Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee whether he has any objection to proceed with these Items.

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): I have no objection, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Dr. Sprules.

Then with regard to the Item 4, A and B, may I ask Dr. Sprules to report the result of the discussions of the Finance and Administration Committee. Dr. Sprules.

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I must apologize, I was speaking to the Secretary at the moment you directed the question to me, but I understand you have asked me to comment on Items 4, A and B? Is that correct?

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Yes, you are right, Dr. Sprules, and if you feel that you ought to touch on matters related to Items 15 and 18 at this time, that will be alright.

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Finance and Administration Committee met on June 25 and then we met again this afternoon at 2 o'clock to review our draft report. The current situation is, the Secretariat is making a few minor editorial changes to the draft document IWC/20/14 which was distributed, I believe, to members some day or so ago. Before proceeding, I would ask if this particular document, indeed, is in the hands of all Commissioners as a draft document.

I have my answer. I am sorry that it has not been distributed freely. It is being prepared at the moment in the Secretariat and I think will become available very shortly. I think that in order to

expedite the work of this meeting, I could make a verbal report at this time and perhaps while I am still talking the document will be distributed to other Commission members.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) That is all right. Will you please proceed, Dr. Sprules.

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Finance and Administration Committee consisting of the countries appointed by you, Canada, Denmark, Norway, South Africa and Union of Soviet Socialist Republic met on June 25 and considered the Agenda items that had been referred to it. I was elected Chairman and thus I am making this report at this time. The first item that we considered was the review of the income and expenditure for the year ended May 31, 1968, that is the past May. We simply reviewed these expenditures and noted that in the ordinary budget, we ended up with the surplus balance amounting to £1,143. With regard to the extraordinary budget there was balance of £443. Now this information was made available to all members of the Commission in the documents that were circulated before the session opened and I am sure everyone has reviewed this. We found nothing in this report that we felt should be brought to your attention other than that these balances did exist. After these considerations we discussed the situation with regard to the outstanding contributions from the Government of Panama. I think everybody is familiar with the situation as it exists. Panama indicated to us several years ago that it was their intention to leave this Commission and at that time she owed a small amount of money and since that time we have annually tried to have the Government of Panama pay its outstanding debts before recognizing that she had indeed left the Commission and had taken the necessary formal action to leave the Commission.

On the advice of the United Kingdom auditors, we felt that we should take their suggestion and recognize the outstanding contribution from the Government of Panama as indeed a poor risk or a bad debt. And therefore we decided to recommend to the Commission that one further approach be made to the Government of Panama but that when this letter is written this time, we would propose that it include a sentence stating that if we do not receive a reply within a 2 or 3 month period, this Commission will assume that Panama has instead left the Commission and will no longer be regarded as a member or as a country with an outstanding debt to the Commission. So our recommendation on this point, Mr. Chairman, is that such a letter be prepared and sent to the Government of Panama in the way I have suggested.

In the meantime, we suggest that arrears of contribution which have been shown in our accounting each year, should now be shown simply as a bad or doubtful debt and no longer carried forward as a possible source of income in the future.

Then, Mr. Chairman, we proceeded to discuss the estimated income and expenditure for the year ending 31st of May 1969. We found in discussing the ordinary budget, that it had become necessary to increase the amount of money allocated for payment of expenses for this annual meeting by £100. I think that the reasoning will be obvious to most of the Commissioners, the Secretariat had estimated the costs of their meeting some months ago and there were one or two items which they had underestimated and we now know that it will be necessary to increase the amount allocated to cover the costs of this meeting by an additional £100. So we are proposing, Mr. Chairman, that this amount of money be made available; it means that the amount of money allocated for the cost of the 20th Annual Meeting will become £1,600 instead of £1,500 as shown on the original summary sheet circulated before the meeting. This of course reduces the estimated



balance at the end of the year by £100, and so the estimated balance at the end of May 1969 should now read £2,073 instead of £2,173.

We then considered the extraordinary budget and found that some adjustments were required in this accounting. In the documents that were circulated before the Annual Meeting, there was shown in IWC/20/3B under the extraordinary budget for the current fiscal year, the cost of investigations in 1968/69 amounting to £1,700. After reading the Scientific report and indeed discussing the matter with the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, we found that this amount of money would not be required this year because there is no major meeting planned such as the one last year for the sperm whale investigators. Therefore we have reduced the figure of £1,700 to £400 which we understand from the Chairman of the Scientific Committee would be a realistic figure for the anticipated expenditure in 1968/69. We recommend payment again of the £500 for whale marking which thus brings the total expenditure under the extraordinary budget to a figure of £900.

As indicated just a few moments ago, there is a balance as of the 31st May 1968 in the extraordinary budget of £443. Therefore considering this, along with the expected expenditure of £900 we found of course that we had to estimate a deficit of £457 in the extraordinary budget.

When we reached this point in our discussions, Mr. Chairman, we realized that we would then have to consider main Agenda Item 4b which was a review of the level of contribution and stock assessment levy from contracting governments. We considered several ways of providing funds that would look after this particular deficit. We considered the possibility of suggesting to the Commission that there should be an increase in the contribution of the member nations of perhaps £50 in order to provide a healthier financial situation. We also considered the possibility of absorbing this anticipated deficit in the extraordinary budget by means of a payment from the balance existing in the ordinary budget, and I am sure all the Commissioners will realize that we did not do this lightly. We recognized the difference between the ordinary budget and the extraordinary budget but we did consider this as being one way of overcoming the anticipated deficit. During this discussion it was pointed out that if the Commission continued to use up its financial resources in the way it has been doing, its financial position very soon could become critical. However, we were unable to reach agreement that we should recommend to you an increase in the national contributions and decided finally to recommend to the Commission that this £457 deficit in the extraordinary budget be made by a transfer of £457 from the anticipated balance in the ordinary budget at the end of this fiscal year.

Then, Mr. Chairman, we proceeded to consider the matter that had been raised in the report of the Scientific Committee concerning the need for establishing a central agency which would be responsible for collecting, storing and distributing biological whaling statistics. We began this discussion with a review by the representative from Norway of the way in which the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics began in 1937, the work that it has carried out since that time on an annual basis, and indeed the way in which this particular Bureau is financed by the Government of Norway. I am sure you all know that there is no contribution made by the Whaling Commission or indeed by any national member government to Norway to defray the expenses of the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics. The representative from Norway told us that the annual cost at this time of maintaining the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics in Sandjeford and of producing the reports that this Bureau prepares amounted to some £6,000 per annum. This of course as you can easily figure out, is a

greater amount than the total contributions to this Commission by the member nations per annum. Thus it is a very large expense for one member nation to absorb and the representative from Norway indicated that it would be necessary because of the situation in Norway resulting from lower whale catches, for the Government of Norway to make a specific proposal within the next few months to this Commission with a view to finding a method of assisting Norway in continuing the Bureau, in fact by making a financial contribution to it. The delegate from Norway emphasized that Norway was still prepared to assume a major part of the expenses of this Bureau, but stressed the fact that they found it difficult or impossible to justify absorbing all the cost since all of the member nations benefit from the statistical information which is gathered, prepared and circulated by the Bureau.

Thus, Mr. Chairman, in our report the Commissioners will notice that sometime within the next few months, certainly before the time of the next Annual Meeting, Norway will circulate a memorandum or letter on this subject so that we will all be then in a position to give the matter serious consideration at the time of the next Annual Meeting. He has assured us that this notice will be sent as soon as possible within perhaps the next few months so that every nation will have an opportunity to discuss the matter with their financial people at home before coming to the next Annual Meeting.

The consideration of the recommendations of the Scientific Committee with regard to the central statistics storage agency for all types of statistics, lead us to an agreement that we should recommend to the Commission that the Secretary of the Commission consult at an early date with the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics as a possible central storage agency and we suggest the FAO as the second possible central storage agency. We propose that the Secretary consult with these two organizations as soon as possible to determine whether or not one of them would be preferred to undertake the work that has been proposed by the Scientific Committee and also to determine what the cost would be. Once these figures have been obtained and information obtained as to whether one or both or neither of the organizations would be able to accept this new responsibility proposed by the Scientific Committee, the Secretary would then advise the Commission of the information obtained and the Commission then would be in the position to discuss this matter in detail, certainly at the time of the next annual meeting.

The last item that has been considered by the Finance and Administration Committee was the time and the place of the next annual meeting. At this time we would recommend that the next meeting of the Commission be held in London, England, during the week beginning June 23rd 1969. This is at about the same time as the meeting has customarily been held each year. The meetings of any special committees or ad hoc working groups would of course precede this date. The date I referred to would be the date of the opening plenary session.

Mr. Chairman, in brief, that is the report of the Finance and Administration Committee. I would like to propose time that I should move the adoption of this report, but I realize that it is a little difficult at the moment since you have not seen the typed copy of the report. However, it should be here very shortly and I believe if I move this acceptance or adoption of the report and if perhaps one of my committee members would second that motion, Mr. Chairman, it would be possible to conduct the discussion on the item, and I am sure very shortly the typed report would be in our hands.

Just before leaving the floor, Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other members of the Committee who provided such a great help and assistance to me during the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee, this year.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Dr. Sprules. According to information from the Secretariat, the papers will be in your hands in a couple of minutes and I think we should deal with the matter then we can expect a better discussion after the paper has been distributed. I believe, however, that the points have been made clear by the verabl report by Dr. Sprules, so if any delegation wishes to raise a question or discuss this matter, they may take the floor. Is there anyone who wishes to speak at this stage? No comments? Dr. McHugh.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): May I ask a question just for clarification? Judging from my interpretation of Dr. Sprules' report, there is no commitment of additional funds involved in approval of this report at the present time?

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Dr. Sprules?

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): That is correct, Mr. Chairman. We are simply proposing the continuation at this time of the existing assessment of £350 per annum per nation and we are not proposing reinstatement of the special whale assessment levy which was the method of raising funds for the extraordinary budget two years ago. That means no increase has been recommended by our committee. We have, however, drawn to your attention the rather shaky financial position of the Commission and have suggested that you may wish to give some consideration to this particular matter in the Plenary Session but we have no recommendation for an increase at this time.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Dr. Sprules. Now that everyone has the paper distributed, I think we can proceed with the business. I think there are a number of important problems contained in the report, I would like to dispose of them one by one. After we have finished Item 4 and 18 of the Agenda of the Plenary Session, I would like to take the form of acceptance or approval of the report of the Finance and Administration Committee. If there is no comment or objection to this way of proceeding, I would like to follow the line as I propose.

Will you please refer to the report - paragraph 2, Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st May 1968. According to this paragraph, the ordinary budget produced £1,143 surplus at the end of the year. The extraordinary budget produced £443 surplus at the end of the year. I wonder whether, when Dr. Sprules moved the adoption of the report of the Finance and Administration Committee, he implied or moved the approval of this particular part of the report or do members of this Commission expect me to ask somebody to move the approval of this particular part of the report. Do you have any suggestion? Dr. Sprules, how should we proceed with this report?

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Mr. Chairman, knowing how very clearly how your mind works, I realize that I must be in trouble somewhere, but my proposal was that I was presenting the report of the committee really under Agenda Item 15, that we have included in this report the discussion and our recommendations with regard to Items 4a, 4b, and 18. This is our agreed report and I thought what I should do was to move its adoption and I suggested that if someone would second it, then each item of the report could be open for discussion before it was finally adopted by the Commission. But I thought it should be moved and seconded in order to permit us to begin and carry on our debate on each of the sections of the report.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much Dr. Sprules. I understand that the past practice of the Commission with regard to the treatment of this item, is to determine the items included in the Agenda one by one and after we have made a decision on them, we adopt or accept the Report of the Committee. Therefore, my idea of proceeding with this Meeting is to decide each item one by one and after we have finished all the important items, then we ask somebody to move the adoption of the Report of the Committee and adopt the Report as a whole. Is there any objection to carrying on in this way?

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Mr. Chairman, I would just like to reiterate that I knew that I was in trouble and I am quite sure that the Chairman's analysis of the situation is indeed correct. It is the custom we have followed in the past and what you on proposing I understand, is to consider the Agenda Item 4, section by section and the other Agenda items and then return to consideration of the Report as a whole. If there are questions to the Finance and Administration Committee, by any member as we discuss Agenda Item 4, I will try to help with some explanation from the Report of our Committee Meeting. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) May I ask somebody to move a motion to approve the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st May 1968. May I ask somebody to move? Moved by Dr. Sprules and seconded by Norway and the United Kingdom. Thank you very much. Is there any objection? As there is no objection, I consider this Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st May 1968, has been approved. Agreed? (Agreed).

In connection with the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st May 1968 that we have just finished, the Finance and Administration Committee produced a recommendation concerning the position of Panama and its recommendation is: "that one further approach should be made to that Government who should be told that if no reply is received within a period of say, 3 months, it would be regarded as having ceased to be a member of the Commission. In the meantime the arrears of contribution should be shown in the Commission's account under the heading of bad or doubtful debts." This is the recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee on this matter. Could I then ask any member here to move the adoption of this recommendation. Moved by Canada, and seconded by Norway. Is there any objection to the adoption of this recommendation? Since there seems to be no objection, I consider this has been adopted. Therefore, in connection with the dispatch of the letter, I will ask the Secretary to prepare the letter so that it should be sent to the Government concerned at the earliest possible occasion.

Next we come to the question of Estimated Income and Expenditure for the year ending May 31st, 1969. As Dr. Sprules explained, it became apparent that an additional £100 would be needed for the cost of the Twentieth Annual Meeting against the original estimate. As a result the estimated balance would be £2,073.

As to the Extraordinary Budget, according to the Report of the Finance and Administration Committee, it seems there is no meeting by the Scientists scheduled this year, so expenditure were not be so high so and the deficit at the end of May 1969 will be only £400. This deficit would met according to the recommendations of the Committee, by the transfer of a certain amount from the Ordinary Budget. Consequently the Committee has recommended that no alteration should be made in the level of the national contribution of the members of the Commission. Dr. Sprules, have I understood the Report of the Committee correctly?

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): I believe so Mr. Chairman. I think that in the interpretation, the deficit was referred to as £400, it is £457 but all the rest of the review as I understand it, is quite correct.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. Could I ask someone to move the approval of the Estimated Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 May 1968. Moved by Dr. Sprules and seconded by Norway and South Africa. Thank you. Of there is no objection, I consider this item has been approved. (Agreed). Thank you.

Next we come to the question of the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics. With regard to the question of the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics, as Dr. Sprules explained when he reported the results of the discussions of the Finance and Administration Committee, the Norwegian Government has contributed approximately £6,000 a year for the running of this Institute and it was the Norwegian Government's intention to put a specific proposal to the Commission at an early date so that the expense should be shared by some other Governments or by other means and the recommendation by the Finance and Administration Committee is contained in the report of the Committee. I am not certain whether this is a recommendation which we should adopt or not. I have the feeling that this is a question we should take note of the discussion and the report on the matter by the Finance and Administration Committee. Dr. Sprules.

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Mr. Chairman, that was our intention. We simply are bringing to the notice of the Commission the notification that was brought to us by the representative from Norway, and I think we have covered it in quite some detail in our report. But with regard to this specific matter, we are just bringing to the Commission's attention the decision of the Government of Norway to bring this matter to us directly by means of correspondence in the very near future. I think that perhaps the confusion at the moment is that there is a recommendation on the next page, but it is really dealing with another matter although it also could be late to the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics, but it is a separate thing. The first item is just a notification, as you have said, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) As Dr. Sprules has explained, this is not a sort of question that should be decided by taking a vote, so I would like to dispose of this question by asking the members of the Commission to take note of the matter contained in this report of the Finance and Administration Committee. Is that agreeable? Agreed? (Agreed).

Then I would like to touch on the question of the central agency. In the latter part of paragraph 5 of the Finance and Administration Committee's report, there is a recommendation to the effect that the "Secretary should consult at an early date with the Bureau and FAO to see whether either organization would be prepared to undertake the work and what the cost was likely to be. The Commission would then be in a position to consider the proposal further."

Also, I am not certain whether this item is the item on which we should take a vote. I wonder whether we could dispose of this question by just taking note of this and to consider when this matter comes up in the next year's meeting of the Commission. Is that the wish of the Finance and Administration Committee?

Mr. MIYOSHI (Japan): (Interpretation) Mr. Chairman, I would like to state our position on this question. Mr. Chairman, in the opinion of the Japanese delegation, the collection of biological data should be made by the International Whaling Commission itself. Therefore, the question is whether this collection of biological data by the Secretariat itself should be examined for consideration at next year's meeting of the Commission. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Miyoshi. Are there any questions? The recommendation of the Committee is as recorded in the report of the Finance and Administration Committee on page 4, so bearing in mind the statements made by the Japanese delegation, I would like to propose the way we should dispose of this question. My proposal is to consider this question at next year's meeting when this question appears officially on the Agenda on the basis of this recommendation and on the basis of the Japanese statement which has been recorded in the record of the Commission's meeting. Is there any comment on how to deal with this matter? Mr. Graham.

Mr. GRAHAM (U.K.): Mr. Chairman, I should just like to make one comment on the suggestion that the Commission itself might collect this material. I think it is evident that from the details of the information required that it would be a very considerable undertaking, indeed, and would need a considerable number of staff to process and compile this great mass of statistical material. Now, I think it would entirely alter the present scale of the Secretariat's activities.

At present, as you know, the Secretariat works within the Ministry of Agriculture, and except for the Secretary the work is fitted in with the duties of the members of the Secretariat as staff of the United Kingdom Ministry.

I think there is no doubt that if the major task of this sort were undertaken by the Commission, one would need to recruit a considerable number of people who would be fully engaged on this work, and quite frankly I think that it would be extremely difficult for the present sort of arrangement to continue because, for one thing, the pressure of accommodation is such that I doubt whether the extra staff, etc., extra facilities that would be needed, could easily be fitted in. We are always under pressure for space, and I think that the Commission should, therefore, realize that if they want to pursue this idea of collecting its own information, it would raise the question of whether it didn't really need a permanent secretariat.

I hope that I shall not be misunderstood or seeming to be disobliging because my Government is anxious to assist the Commission, and I hope that the Commission will feel that it has been reasonably treated, but I think that although this is possible, when you have a Secretariat that confines itself, as it were, to administration and the running of meetings, it is an entirely different thing if one is thinking of what would be virtually a self-contained organization inside the Ministry. I think if one is seriously thinking of the Commission undertaking the collection of these statistics, acting as a data centre, one would really need to consider a complete reorganization of the present secretarial arrangements in the Commission. I felt it was perhaps useful to make that comment at this stage.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) As Chairman of the Commission presiding in this Meeting I have tried and I believe I have been taking a neutral position on any questions which are dealt with at this forum. Therefore, I invited the comments on this question. The recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee is that the Secretary should consult with the Bureau and F.A.O. whether either organization would be prepared to undertake this work and what the cost was likely to be. Mr. Graham has just stated that it would cost quite a lot if it is to be undertaken by the Commission. And, we have to take other factors into consideration than just the question of costs. My idea is that since this question is of great importance, we should discuss this question after making an examination of the recommendation of the Committee as well as the proposal that the Secretariat carry out the work how much it would cost and whether in fact it would be able to carry out the work.

In the light of important problems contained in this question, I propose that we should take up this matter bearing in mind the discussion which we have had at this meeting but as I am the acting Chairman of this meeting, if there is any suggestion as to the procedure for dealing with this question, I would welcome it. For example, we could make a decision on the recommendation which the Finance and Administration Committee has made. Is there any suggestion as to how to treat this matter?

Mr. SUKHORUCHENKO (U.S.S.R.): Mr. Chairman, I cannot understand what we are discussing here. There is a proposal made by the Finance and Administration Committee which was seconded by one of the participants in this meeting. Simultaneously there was an expression made by the Japanese delegation viewpoint without any additional proposal. In what connection are you, as Chairman of the Commission, putting forward an additional proposal? It appears to me that we are discussing the proposal of the Finance and Administration Committee, and if a Delegation wanted to have any modifications or additions they would express their viewpoint but nobody is making such move. The Japanese Delegation made some remarks but have not insisted on any proposal. Thus we have only one proposal made by the Finance and Administration Committee which was put for consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Are there any comments? Please, Mr. Graham.

Mr. GRAHAM (U.K.): I would just like to add to what I have said to remove any possible misunderstanding about what I was trying to do, Sir. I didn't in any way, see any objection at all to the suggestion being made that in addition to the two possibilities discussed by the Finance and Administration Committee, the possibility of the Commission itself undertaking this work should be examined. All I was anxious to do was to make it clear that I thought that this would bring into question the present basis on which the Secretariat is organized. At present, with the exception of the Secretary, as I have said, the members of the staff are under the control of the U.K. Ministry of Agriculture and they are moved about in the ordinary way. If we had a new arrangement under which we gave the Secretariat the responsibility of processing a great mass of material for which specialized staff would be required, it would be quite impossible for people to combine those functions with the functions of ordinary officers of the Ministry. It would be necessary in those circumstances, I think, for the Commission to recruit its own staff; in short it would change the present arrangements whereby the Commission's work was fitted into the Ministry, into the form where the Commission would have its own permanent staff especially recruited for these rather specialized tasks and I think that it is important that one should bear that in mind if one is considering the possibility of the Commission undertaking this work. But in saying this I am not at all suggesting that that means that the Commission is not perfectly entitled to consider doing this work for itself if it thinks that is the best way to handle it. Thank you, Sir.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Now having heard several remarks expressed by some delegations, I have come to the stage where I judge that it is the wish of the Commission to make a decision concerning the recommendation proposed by the Finance and Administration Committee. Therefore would like to ask the Commission whether we should adopt the recommendation proposed by the Finance and Administration Committee. I would like to suggest to the Japanese delegation that if they have any objection to the contents of the recommendation then they should state their position when this question comes up as one of the items on the agenda next year. I would like to ask the delegates who are in favour of the recommendation to raise their hands. If there is any

delegation that is opposed to the adoption of the recommendation, please raise hands. (Agreed). The majority of the members of the Commission have agreed to this recommendation proposed by the Finance and Administration Committee and it is therefore adopted.

Now we come to Item 6, the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

This is Item 18 of the agenda of the plenary session and the Finance and Administration Committee decided to recommend that the next meeting be held in London during the week beginning June 23rd, 1969. Since this is not an amendment to the Schedule, this will be decided by simple majority. May I ask the delegates who are in favour of this recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee to raise their hands? Is there anyone who is opposed to this recommendation? No. (Agreed). So the date and place of the next meeting has been decided as proposed by the Finance and Administration Committee.

Now we come back to Item 15 of the Agenda, Finance and Administration Report. I understand that Dr. Sprules moved the adoption of this report. I wonder whether anybody had seconded this motion? (Norway and South Africa?). (U.S.S.R. also?).

Is there anyone who is opposed to the adoption?

Mr. MIYOSHI (Japan): (Interpretation) Mr. Chairman, we would like to support the adoption of this report with the reservation concerning Section 5 which we have referred to a few minutes ago. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Miyoshi. As Japan is the only country which reserves its position on one point, I consider this motion, this report has been adopted by members of the Commission, with one reservation by the Japanese delegation on one point.

Mr. SUKHURUCHENKO (U.S.S.R.): Mr. Chairman, the report was adopted unanimously by the meeting but the Japanese delegation made one reservation.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. SUKHURUCHENKO (U.S.S.R.): The reason for the question was because we have said that the report of the Finance and Administration Committee has been adopted with one reservation. What concerns us, we adopted it without reservation.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I repeat what I said because due to the misinterpretation of my statement, it may have caused a misunderstanding. What I said was this report presented by the Finance and Administration Committee has been adopted by the majority of the members of the Commission. The Japanese delegation supported the adoption of the report but made one reservation, concerning the question of the central agency, and I wish this to be recorded on the official records of the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Graham.

Mr. GRAHAM (U.K.): Mr. Chairman, I understand perfectly that Japan wishes the views she has expressed to be recorded but I'm not sure that this is a reservation from this report because as I understand this report, the Finance and Administration Committee has recommended that two possible ways of collecting this information be examined, but no decision is taken that it must be one of those two ways and as you say,



the position will be considered next year, and not only Japan but any other countries will presumably be free then to come forward with some alternative proposal if they like. Japan has told us at this moment that it's her intention to do so but I don't think that this is in any way dissenting as I see it from the report. It would only be what I would understand to be a reservation if, for example, Japan dissented from these possibilities even being explored. So I was really wondering if formally speaking this is a reservation on the part of Japan or merely a desire that the view she has expressed should be placed on the record and I think it's the latter.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) My understanding of the Japanese reservation is that the Japanese delegation agreed on all the points contained in this report as to the question of the Commission's action with one exception concerning the Commission's decision with regard to the question of the central agency. This is my understanding of the interpretation of the Japanese reservation.

Mr. SUKHURUCHENKO (U.S.S.R.): Mr. Chairman, I would like the Japanese delegation themselves to interpret the statement, if possible make it clearer.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Mr. Sukhuruchenko, as Chairman of this meeting I am fully convinced I have conducted the duties as neutrally as possible and I don't think I shall be blamed for not being neutral. So the criticism of my supporting the Japanese delegation's view is not to be applied. I would have taken the same position the same attitude, if it had been stated by any other delegation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation on behalf of the Commission to Dr. Sprules and his colleagues who are members of this Finance and Administration Committee, who have carried out their duties promptly and have in producing the report overcome a lot of problems.

I consider we have disposed of the Items 4, 15, and 18 of the Agenda. Now we would like to come to Item 16, Nineteenth Annual Report. Document IWC/20/6 has been already distributed among the members and I would like a proposal whether we should go through it paragraph by paragraph or adopt the report as a whole, because I imagine everybody here has had sufficient time to study the contents of this draft report. Is there any suggestion concerning the way we should proceed?

Mr. SUKHORUCHENKO (U.S.S.R.): Mr. Chairman, I propose to adopt the whole report.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) The Russian Delegation proposed that we discuss this matter as a whole. Is there anybody to second it? Japan and Dr. McHugh of U.S.A. have seconded. So we deal with this paper as a whole. Is there any objection to adopting this 19th Report of the Commission as originally presented without any modification? Any objection? Dr. Sprules.

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Mr. Chairman, when I read the report, there were a couple of editorial corrections that have to be made. But I assume that the Secretariat has found these by now. That is all and I am quite prepared to accept it as a whole.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I would like to propose we have a coffee break, during which Dr. Sprules may be kind enough to inform the Secretary of the errors which he has found. After the coffee break we shall adopt this document as a whole. If any other members have found other mistakes or errors in this draft report, they are welcome to inform the Secretary of those errors. If there is no objection, I would like to propose to have 10 minute coffee break.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Gentlemen, may we resume the meeting? We are dealing with Item 16, Nineteenth Annual Report. Before the coffee break, Dr. Sprules of Canada proposed that he had found some errors. I suggested that Dr. Sprules would consult with the Secretary during the coffee break and I would like to ask Dr. Sprules to take the floor.

Dr. SPRULES (Canada): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have discussed the small editorial changes, which I thought were required, with the Secretary and found that indeed they were not required. The English use, of course, is correct in the body of the report. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to move the adoption of the report as circulated without any change. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Dr. Sprules. As you have heard, Dr. Sprules, of Canada, has moved to adopt this report without any amendments to the original draft as circulated, does anyone wish to second the motion? It is seconded by Soviet Russia, Norway, Japan, U.S.A. and Argentina.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, to interrupt but I think this motion was already made; it was moved by the Soviet Union and seconded by the U.S.A.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Yes, I was not certain whether this motion of adopting the report was moved or not. To make sure, I asked somebody to move and second the motion. But I doubt it has done any damage to the work of the Commission.

Is there any objection to adopting this report as originally circulated? Delegate of Argentina?

Mr. RODRIGUEZ-ZIA (Argentina): Mr. Chairman, may I ask if this means to approve the second draft 19/13? Document 19/13?

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) What we are dealing with at the moment is Item 16, Nineteenth Annual Report which is distributed as Paper IWC/20/6.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ-ZIA (Argentina): Yes, but I understand that this Item 16 means to approve the report of the International Observer Scheme of the 19th Session.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) May I ask the Delegate of Argentina to make clear the point which he has made because I am rather in a state of confusion.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ-ZIA (Argentina): I understand now that the principal thing of this Session, we are moving to approve the Nineteenth Annual Report. All right. In connection with this Second Draft of the Nineteenth Annual Report, I want to make reservations. In paragraph number 3 of the second draft of the Document 19/13.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) May I understand that it is the wish of the Argentina Delegate to reserve on the part of paragraph 8 which appears on page 4 of this Report?

Mr. RODRIGUEZ-ZIA (Argentina): I am not observing the exact point 8, but as I understand I repeat, I think that we are now approving all the Report of the Nineteenth Session, the whole Report. Is that so? In connection with the Second Draft, I will make clear then, in point 3 of the Second Draft of the 19/13 Document the Island, South Georgia is cited as belonging to the United Kingdom, but the South Sandwich Islands and the South Georgia Islands belong to the Argentina Republic

and now have been unlawfully kept by the United Kingdom on an act-of-force basis which have never been consented to by the people and the government of the Argentine Republic and now they are part of its territory and are within its dominion and sovereignty. I must remember the resolution number 2065 (XX) approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 16th, 1965, by means of which the United Nations took notice of the existence of a dispute between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom about the sovereignty of these islands, and invited both governments to proceed their negotiations in order to find a peaceful settlement of this dispute. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Can I make the position clear? I wonder what the intention is of the Argentina Delegation as to the Draft Annual Report which is presented to us for our approval. Could you clarify your wish in concrete terms? Are you proposing to modify the Report of the Commission, the Report of the Nineteenth Annual Report?

Mr. RODRIGUEZ-ZIA (Argentina): I repeat as far as the Second Draft is concerned, where the South Georgia Islands are cited by the United Kingdom, I only want to make a reservation. I ask Mr. Chairman that my statement be recorded in this Session.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I understand. Mr. Graham please.

Mr. GRAHAM (U.K.): Mr. Chairman, I regret that the Argentine Delegate should have thought it necessary to raise in a Technical Commission of this sort a political point such as he has done. I will only say for the record that the United Kingdom is in no doubt as to the legitimacy of its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I understand. With regard to the question raised by the Argentine Delegate, I would like to dispose of this matter following the practice adopted by the Commission in the past, that is the statement of the Argentina Delegation and the statement by the United Kingdom Delegation are to be recorded in the official record of the Meeting. May I now ask whether there is any objection to the adoption of the Draft of the Nineteenth Report of the Commission? Is there any objection to deal with this matter as I have suggested? Thank you very much.

Then, I would like to ask whether it is the wish of the Commission to adopt the Nineteenth Report of the Commission as originally proposed before the Commission, after having recorded the statements made by the Argentina and United Kingdom Delegations.

If there is no objection to adopting the Draft Nineteenth Report of the Commission, then I consider this Report has been adopted.

As I stated at the outset of this Meeting, members of the Commission are invited to a social function this evening and we have only 5 minutes before the time limit expires. So, I would like to propose that we should meet again tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. If there is not anyone who wishes to speak now I will declare the Meeting adjourned until tomorrow morning.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.)

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSIONTWENTIETH MEETINGSession of Friday, 28th June (Morning), 1968In the Chair : Mr. I. Fujita

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Gentlemen, the meeting will please come to order. Now, may we begin the third plenary session. As the Commissioners are well aware, we are to complete our business today, so I would like to proceed with the business of the meeting as expeditiously as possible, and I would like your cooperation in this report. I consider that we have disposed of Item 1 through Item 5 of the Agenda.

Therefore, I would like to start with Item 6 this morning, if there is no objection amongst the members. As there seems to be no objection to discuss Item 6, International Observer Scheme, I would like to deal with this matter, and if you are kind enough to refer to Item 17 (1), that is the sub-item of the item Amendments to the Schedule, which corresponds to Item 6 of the Agenda, I would like to deal with this sub-item 17 (1) together with this Item 6, International Observer Scheme. As this item was referred to the Technical Committee for consideration, I would like to ask Dr. McHugh, who is the Chairman of the Technical Committee, to report the results of the discussion held at the Technical Committee and the recommendations as to how this matter should be handled. Dr. McHugh.

Dr. McHUGH (Chairman of Technical Committee): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll deal with Item 6 on our Agenda first and then go on to Item 17 (1). With respect to the International Observer Scheme, there was some discussion as to whether the item on the Agenda was adequately described to be discussed, especially with respect to amendment of the Schedule, and we talked about the interpretation of Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure which, as you will remember, requires that any item that requires amendment of the Schedule ought to be included in the provisional Agenda 60 days in advance of the meeting.

We have recommended that the Secretary should seek a fuller explanation of this rule from the Commission's legal adviser and circulate this to Commissioners for study. We felt that the interpretation received last year was not or did not describe the problem in sufficient detail to allow us to be sure whether we were following the right procedure or not.

We have two other recommendations to the Commission with respect to the International Observer Scheme. I might say that we agree that the scheme is important and that it ought to be implemented as soon as possible, and the two recommendations that we have for you are as follows, and they will appear as a new paragraph in our report following the present paragraph 5. I will read these. They are quite short.

"The Technical Committee recommends to the Commission that the Governments of member nations concerned be requested to put into operation observer schemes as soon as possible.

Secondly, the Technical Committee recommends to the Commission that the item 'International Observer Scheme' be retained as a continuing Agenda item for future meetings of the Commission."

I think that is all I have to say with respect to Item 6 of the Agenda, Mr. Chairman. Shall I go on, or would you like to deal with this first?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, please.

Dr. McHUGH (Chairman of Technical Committee): With respect to Item 17 (1), Mr. Chairman, we recommend to the Commission that the Schedule be amended with respect to paragraph 1 and let me read what the amendments are. Incidentally, I might say that this proposed amendment to the Schedule is identical with the proposal that this Committee made to the Commission last year.

In paragraph 1 (a) of the Schedule, line 3, delete the words "the Antarctic". In other words, this would broaden the provisions of the Schedule to allow the International Observer Scheme to be put into effect any place in the world ocean.

And then paragraph 1 (b), line 1, after the word "station" add the following words: "There shall be maintained such observers as the member countries having jurisdiction over land stations may arrange to place at each other's land stations." This provision, Mr. Chairman, if it is acted upon, will allow the Observer Scheme to be applied to land stations as well as to pelagic fleets, and I so move to the Commission that both of these changes in the Schedule be adopted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much.

Now, gentlemen, I believe it is clear from Dr. McHugh's report of the Technical Committee concerning Item 6, the International Observers Scheme, that we have three questions on which we are asked to determine. The first one is the question referred to in paragraph 4 of the Technical Committee report-- that is recommendation from the Technical Committee presented to us requesting the Secretary to seek an explanation of the Rule 12 from the Commission's Legal Advisor and circulate this to Commissioners for study. The second question is the question of the amendment to the Schedule concerning the establishment of the International Observers Scheme which appears under paragraph 5 of Item 3 of the Technical Committee's report, and the third question is the two recommendations proposed by the Norwegian Delegation to the Technical Committee which were adopted by the Technical Committee to be proposed to the Plenary Meeting. Those are the three questions we are requested to decide upon.

With regard to the first recommendation asking the Secretary to seek explanation of the Rule 12 of the Commissions' Rules of Procedure from the Commission's Legal Adviser and circulate it to Commissioners for study, I understand Dr. McHugh moved the adoption of this recommendation. Is there anyone to second this motion?

United States moved and Norway seconded. All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

Now, may I come to Item 17 (1), the question of amendment to the Schedule concerning the International Observer Scheme.

According to the Rules of Procedure a three-quarters majority is required amendments to the schedule. So, I would like to ask the Secretary to read the precise wording of the proposed amendment to the Schedule and to poll the Commission.

SECRETARY: The proposal is to amend paragraph 1 of the Schedule as follows: Paragraph 1 (a) line 3, delete the words "the Antarctic." Paragraph 1 (b), line 1, add after "station" the following, "There shall be maintained such observers as the member countries having jurisdiction over land stations may arrange to place at each other's land stations." May I ask the Commissioners to indicate whether they are in favor of this amendment. Argentina, abstain; Australia, yes; Canada, yes; Denmark, yes; France, yes; Iceland, yes; Japan, yes; New Zealand, yes; Norway, yes; South Africa, yes; USSR, yes; U.S.A., yes; United Kingdom, yes. According to my list 12 countries have voted in favour and one abstention. The amendment is carried.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) This motion has been carried.

Now, gentlemen, we come to the recommendations by the Technical Committee which were originally, according to Dr. McHugh's report, proposed by the Norwegian Delegation. I understand these recommendations have been moved by Dr. McHugh, Chairman of the Technical Committee. I wonder if there is anyone who would move to second the motion?

Norway have seconded. All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

Now, I consider we have disposed of Item 6 and Item 17 (1). And now we come to Item 7 of the Report of the Scientific Committee.

The Report of the Scientific Committee was circulated for the study of Commissioners, and I understand that this report has been fully examined and studied also in the Technical Committee and in Finance and Administration Committee. As Acting Chairman of the Commission I believe that all we have to do here under this item is to accept the report of the Scientific Committee here and perhaps at the later stage under the respective item we may hear the report from the Committees concerned concerning the contents of the report of the Scientific Committee.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I would like to deal with this item following the way as I have stated now, if there is no objection.

According to the advice from the Secretary I think I ought to ask someone to move for the acceptance of the report. May I ask someone to move?

Moved by U.S.A. and seconded by USSR, Canada, Norway, South Africa. Thank you. All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation on behalf of the Commission for the tremendous contribution and tremendous work which the scientists have done and I am fully convinced that their work enabled the Commission to proceed with the business of their meeting in a very speedy manner and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Chapman and other scientists who have participated in carrying out the extremely difficult work.

Thank you. Now we come to Item 8, Special scientific investigation of the whale stocks. This item was also referred to the Technical Committee for consideration so I'd like to ask Dr. McHugh to report the results of the discussion by the Technical Committee together with the recommendation as to how we should deal with this matter. Dr. McHugh.

Dr. McHugh (U.S.A.): The Technical Committee discussed the FAO stock assessment report. We agreed that the Commission should be asked to thank FAO for its cooperation and for the work it has done and to ask that they continue the work next year. The Canadian and Japanese delegations emphasized particularly their wish that other nations would also conduct studies in population dynamics of whales as far as they were able. The feeling was that the Technical Committee and the Scientific Committee would both be able to do their work better if there were assessments made by several countries. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. Could I ask someone to move the approval of the report by Dr. McHugh concerning this item?

Mr. SUKHORUCHENKO (USSR): We second it.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) But who moves? Moved by Dr. McHugh as the Chairman of the Technical Committee and seconded by USSR. All in favor? Contrary? Carried. (Carried)

Now we come to Item 9, Sperm whale stocks. May I again ask Dr. McHugh to report the results of the discussion at the Technical Committee concerning this item.

Dr. McHugh (U.S.A.): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Technical Committee reviewed the Scientific Committee's recommendations on sperm whales and I would move that these recommendations be endorsed by the Commission. I should read them out to you to remind you what these recommendations were -

- 1) That no change be made in the size limit of sperm whales for the present. This also will refer later on to an item under agenda Item 17;
- 2) That further expansion of sperm whale catches not based on scientific evidence was not desirable;

- 3) That there should be no further increase in North Pacific sperm whale catches;
- 4) That FAO be asked to complete machine processing of sperm whale data and circulate the results to all members and
- 5) That members should come to the next meeting of the Scientific Committee and the Technical Committee prepared to discuss the question of further meetings on sperm whale biology and stock assessments.

In addition, Mr. Chairman, it was proposed by the delegate from Australia that in view of the general concern about the condition of sperm whale stocks the pelagic whaling countries should be urged to consider withdrawing their objections to paragraph 6 (5) of the Schedule which forbids taking of sperm whales by factory ships in waters between 40 degrees South Latitude and 40 degrees North Latitude. Or if they are unable to do this at the present time, at least to exercise voluntary restraint in view of the Scientific Committee's findings. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you. Gentlemen, the questions we are asked to resolve here in the meeting are firstly, the adoption of the recommendations which were proposed by the Scientific Committee and endorsed by the Technical Committee and which appear in page 4 of the Technical Committee's report, a secondly to deal with the question of amendment to the Schedule arising out of the discussion in the Technical Committee and Scientific Committee which come under Item 17 (h) and (i). If there is no objection I'd like to deal with the first question. I wonder if there is anyone to second the motion moved by Dr. McHugh to adopt the recommendation by the Technical Committee. Seconded by Australia? Australia? All in favor? Contrary? Carried. (Carried)

Then we come to Item 17 (h) - (i); Item 17 (h) is the sperm whale size limit and (i) provision for restriction of the catch of sperm whales. There seems to be no proposal for the amendment for the Schedule concerning these two sub-items, Sub-Items (h) and (i), I consider that we are not asked to take any further action on the matter. So may I consider that we have completely disposed of these sub-items? Mr. Hoffman of Australia.

Mr. HOFFMAN (Australia): Mr. Chairman, you're perfectly correct of course in stating that there is no proposal for amendment to the Schedule under either Item 17 (i) or 17 (h). I would like to ask that the Commission take note of the relevant paragraph in the Technical Committee's report to which Dr. McHugh has drawn attention, namely that paragraph which dealt with the remarks by Australia and the responses from the 3 pelagic countries. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you Mr. Hoffman, and with regard to the question of how to deal with Sub-Items (h) (i), I would like to dispose of these sub-items without asking to make a roll call since no proposal has been made, and I would like to follow



the other sub-items which are in the same circumstances. Is there any objection to following this procedure? Or, I wonder if there is someone who proposes that I should make a roll call for any item, even if no proposal has been made.

Since there seems to be no objection to the procedure I have described, I consider that we have disposed of Item 17 (h) and (i), and I shall take the same procedure if we come up with the item which is in the same circumstances. Agreed?

Agreed.

As to the point raised by Mr. Hoffman of Australia, I should like to propose that the Commission takes note of the points raised by the Australian representative. Agreed?

Agreed.

It has been so decided.

We have disposed of Item 9 on the Agenda and Item 17 (h) and (i) as well. Now the next item is Item 10: North Pacific Whale Stocks. As I understand, the Technical Committee's report is not ready on this item, so I would like to defer this item until a later opportunity, when we can discuss this question.

Dr. J. L. McHUGH (U. S. A.): Mr. Chairman, perhaps I can comment just briefly on this item. The words that appear under Item 8, paragraph 10 in the Draft Report of the Technical Committee are probably no longer applicable. They were written in the light of our discussions yesterday, when it appeared that the North Pacific Commissioners had run into an obstacle and were not able to reach an agreement. It appears now that we may be able to come in with some recommendations to the Commission, and I would like to suggest that the Commissioners of the North Pacific countries prepare to meet at 12:30 today during our noon hour break to look at the Report which has been prepared by a small Working Group, and perhaps we can come back this afternoon with some recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We'll meet at 12:30 at the small meeting room on the fourth floor that we've been using for these meetings previously.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) It has been made clear from Dr. McHugh's remarks that the North Pacific whaling countries' Commissioners are to meet at 12:30 to finalize their report which will be submitted to the Technical Committee for consideration, and I understand that this Report the Technical Committee. Report will be submitted to the Commission this afternoon when we shall be able to deal with this matter.

Agreed?

Agreed.

Now we come to Item 11: Land station catches in the Southern Hemisphere. This is also an item referred to the Technical Committee, so may I ask Dr. McHugh to report the discussions of the Technical Committee together with any comments.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, there are only two countries which operate land stations in the Southern Hemisphere, only two member countries of the Commission, and we received statements from the South African delegation to the effect that only one of these two South African land stations was operating, and that the catch is therefore well below the limits which they had voluntarily imposed upon themselves. In Australia also the catch is very much lower than in the past, and the Australian delegate pointed out that this catch consisted entirely of sperm whales because they had placed a voluntary ban on baleen whale killing. I think that's all that's necessary to be said about this particular agenda item.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much.

Gentlemen, we have heard a Report from Dr. McHugh concerning Item 11: Land station catches in the Southern Hemisphere. I believe all we are requested to do here is to approve the Report from the Technical Committee. Is there any objection. Agreed?

Agreed.

This has been approved.

Now in this connection I would like to draw your attention to Agenda Item 17 (n): Provision for restriction of the catch of whales from land stations in the Southern Hemisphere (arising out of Item 11.) Since there have been no proposals put forward to this Commission, I consider that no action is required in this respect, so I consider that we have disposed of this sub-item as well. Agreed?

Agreed.

We have disposed of this item: 17 (n).

Now we come to Item 12: Economic studies of whaling regulations. May I again ask Dr. McHugh to take the trouble to report on behalf of the Technical Committee.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, the Commissioners will remember that at last year's meeting, it was decided to send out questionnaires to the whaling countries to try and develop additional information needed for economic studies of whaling. We were told by the FAO Observer that they had so far received insufficient replies to this questionnaire to allow them to make any further analysis or studies, and that therefore there is nothing new to report at this annual meeting. The Scientific Committee had referred to this question and it felt that the Commission needed to have more information on the economics of whaling operations, and the economic effects of regulations on whaling and the Technical Committee decided simply to leave the matter in the hands of FAO

in the hope that by next year they will have sufficient information to present a Report to the Commission. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you Dr. McHugh.

As you have heard from Dr. McHugh's explanation, the Technical Committee's opinion is to leave this matter in the hands of the FAO, and at a later stage, if necessary, if the Commission requires, then we will discuss this question in detail. May I suggest that we approve the opinion of the Technical Committee to that effect. Is there any objection?

As there seems to be no objection, this has been approved.

Now we come to Item 13: Infractions. I understand this is also an item which was discussed and examined at the Technical Committee. May I ask Dr. McHugh to report on this item.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.) Mr. Chairman, the Technical Committee set up a small Sub-Committee: Dr. Sprules was elected Chairman of that Committee, and you will note that the report of the Infractions Sub-Committee is attached to the Report of the Technical Committee as Appendix A. I think that all I need to say about this report is that the Sub-Committee and the Technical Committee noted that there was a slight increase in the infractions expressed as a percentage of the total catch in the Antarctic in the 1967-68 season, and also outside the Antarctic in 1967. This increase was only small however, and we merely recommend to the member nations that they continue to exert every effort to hold infractions to a minimum. I don't think it's necessary for the Technical Committee to recommend any action by the Commission on this matter, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much Dr. McHugh. I wonder if Dr. Sprules has anything to add to what Dr. McHugh has reported in this respect? No? Is there no objection in accepting the Report of the Technical Committee concerning infractions? Mr. Sukhoruchenko? Agreed? (Agreed). As all seem to be in favour of accepting this Report I consider that we have disposed of this item.

The next item we have to deal with on the Agenda is Item 14, Technical Committee Report, but I would like to suggest that since we have left some items without making any decision, I would like to come back again to this item when we have completed those matters and we shall adopt this Report as a whole. Is there any objection to that? (Agreed).

We had disposed of Item 15 and 16, so the next item we have to deal with is Item 17. On item 17, Amendments to the Schedule, we go through one by one. Now, first we deal with sub item (a) Position of the Sanctuary. I understand this has been discussed by the Technical Committee, so may I ask Dr. McHugh to report in this regard.

Dr. McHugh: Mr. Chairman, the recommendation of the Technical Committee with respect to the Sanctuary really depends on the Commission's action with respect to the blue whale unit catch quota in the Antarctic. So you might want to leave this until after we have discussed the appropriate item later on under Agenda Item 17.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much Dr. McHugh. In accordance with your advice we shall come back to this sub item after we have dealt with Items 17, (d) and (e).

Now, the next item is Item 17, (b) the opening date of the Antarctic pelagic baleen season and I think we should deal with item 17 (c) together with this item (b) because they are closely related. May I ask Mr. McHugh if there is any recommendations concerning those two sub items.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, the Technical Committee recommends no change in the opening or the closing date for the Antarctic pelagic baleen whale season.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) According to the Report by Dr. McHugh, the Technical Committee's recommendation is that there is no need to change the opening date and the closing date of the Antarctic pelagic baleen season, so following the practice that we are following, which the Commission has adopted, I consider that we have disposed of these items without making a roll-call. Is that agreed? (Agreed).

Now we come to Item 17 (d) Pelagic catch limit in the Antarctic by species or by blue whale units. May I ask Dr. McHugh to report on behalf of the Technical Committee on this item together with any comments if there are any.

Dr. McHugh (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, this item was placed on the Agenda at the request of the United States, so I would like to speak as Head of the US Delegation on this subject if I may. The United States believes that the blue whale unit as a method of regulating whale fisheries is not a logical or rational method because the quota has to be placed so low that it does not allow nations to take whales that they otherwise could take or else if it is placed high enough to allow harvesting of all species, then it leads to extermination of species or over-fishing of species one by one if they have different values.

We did not want to push the question at this time but we feel that the question should be kept alive in this Commission because sooner or later the Commission must come to grips with this problem and arrive at some solution to it which is acceptable to all member countries. As the US representative I withdrew our proposal when it became clear that it would not pass in the Technical Committee but I want to make this word of explanation. Therefore, the Technical Committee makes no recommendation with respect to regulation by blue whale units at this time Mr. Chairman, thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I am not certain whether I have understood Dr. McHugh's statement correctly but may I take it that you have stated that as a representative of the United States, you withdrew the proposal to alter the blue whale unit conversion rate?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Yes Mr. Chairman, the United States' position is that whale resources like other fishery resources should be regulated species by species or stock by stock, but we recognize the difficulties in putting this into effect in the Whaling Commission and we did not press the point in the Technical Committee.

Now, as Chairman of the Technical Committee I would also like to say that I neglected mentioning one other very important matter under this Agenda item; I think this is the Agenda item under which we take up the global quota for the Antarctic for the coming season and I am sorry that I let that slip.

The Technical Committee considered this question in the light of the report of the Scientific Committee and although the Scientific

Committee making new analyses on the basis of additional data which were available to them had made a modest increase in their estimate of the sustainable yield of baleen whales in the Antarctic, the Technical Committee thought that it was best to stay with the quota that was agreed upon last year and therefore we recommend to you that the blue whale unit quota for baleen whales in the Antarctic for the 1968-69 season be set at 3,200 blue whale units. I might say that this recommendation was unanimous in the Technical Committee, Mr. Chairman, there was no objection to it.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Concerning the first part of Dr. McHugh's statement, it seems that we have heard that the United States Delegation withdrew the proposal with a view to regulating the catches by species and I consider that this question has already been disposed of.

As to the latter part of the statement by Dr. McHugh, which has been made as the Chairman of the Technical Committee, the Technical Committee's recommendation on the question of the pelagic catch limit in the Antarctic was that the pelagic catch limit in the Antarctic for the coming season shall be the same as it was last year, and since it is formally an amendment to the Schedule I would like to deal with this matter by making a roll call. I would like to ask some delegation to move the amendment to the Schedule.

May I ask someone to move?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): (Moves)

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) By U.S.A. And seconded by Norway? Not seconding? Do you have a comment on it?

Mr. H. TH. KNUDTZON (Norway): Only a brief comment, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) All right. please

Mr. KNUDTZON (Norway): I would like to second the proposal of the Chairman of the Technical Committee that the global quota for the season 1968/69 be fixed at the level of 3,200 BWU. In this connection, I reiterate the statement made by Norway on previous occasions to the effect that the acceptance by Norway of a global quota is based on the assumption that an agreement on national quotas be reached. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. It sounds that the Norwegian second is a conditional second, and I have some slight doubt whether this is a valid one.

Mr. KNUDTZON (Norway): No condition, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) All right. The proposal concerning this item has been proposed by Dr. McHugh, Chairman of the Technical Committee, and seconded by the Norwegian Delegation. So I would like to ask the Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Schedule by the Technical Committee and to make a roll call.

The SECRETARY: The motion is to amend paragraph 8 (a) of the Schedule. The amendment would be to delete "1967/68" and substitute "1968/69". I will ask delegations to indicate whether they are in favour of this amendment.

Argentina:	Abstain
Australia:	Yes
Canada:	Yes
Denmark:	Abstain
France:	Yes
Iceland:	Yes
Japan:	Yes
Mexico:	(Absent)
Netherlands:	(Absent).'
New Zealand:	Yes
Norway:	Yes
Panama:	(Absent)
South Africa:	Yes
U.S.S.R.	Yes
U.S.A.	Yes
U.K.	Yes

I wasn't quite clear whether Argentina were in favor of the motion or whether they were abstaining.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ-ZIA (Argentina): Abstain.

The SECRETARY: There were eleven in favor of the motion with two abstentions. Therefore, the motion is carried.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Since there has been no objection, this motion was carried.

We come to item (e), consideration of blue whale unit. May I ask Dr. McHugh concerning this item?

Dr. McHUGH (Chairman of Technical Committee): Mr. Chairman, this item relates to a proposal made last year that perhaps it is time to reconsider the relative ratings of different species of whales, particularly fin and sei whales in terms of blue whale units. It was thought that there might be some merit in getting a new value for sei whales. But after looking the matter over and considering the problems involved, the FAO Observer told us that the information available to them was not sufficient to come up with a very precise assessment and that, therefore, he did not recommend any change at this time. This was agreed upon at the Technical Committee, and we recommend no change to the Commission. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Dr. McHugh. As you have heard from Dr. McHugh's report, the Technical Committee's recommendation is that there should be no change, no alteration to the relative value of whales by species. So I consider that there is no need for us to take further action. So we have disposed of this item. It that agreed?

Now, we come to Item 17 (f), paragraphs 8(c) and (d), notification to and action by the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics. May I ask Dr. McHugh to report concerning this item?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, action on this item would have been necessary if we had arrived at a recommendation to the Commission with respect to individual species quotas under a previous item. There was no recommendation on that one. There is, therefore, no recommendation by the Technical Committee on this item.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. According to Dr. McHugh's report, there has been no recommendation for modifying the provisions. I would like to follow precedent and regard this matter to have been disposed of.

Now, may I come back to Item 17 (a), paragraph 5, position of the Sanctuary, since we have completed our business of determining the pelagic catch limit. May I ask Dr. McHugh to report on this?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, in view of the Commission's action in setting a quota for the Antarctic for the coming season, there is no need to take any action with respect to the Sanctuary. We recommend that the language remain the same and that the Sanctuary remain open. There is no action necessary by the Commission. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. As it has been made clear by Dr. McHugh's report, there is no need for the Commission to take further action to alter the provision under paragraph 5. So, according to the procedure we have been adopting, I consider that we have disposed of this question.

Now, the question before us is Item 17 (g), paragraph 9(a), size limit for whales other than fin and sperm whales. I understand this item has been included because Item (k), definition of sei whales, has been included. Therefore, I propose to deal with these two items together, if there is no objection.

May I ask Dr. McHugh to report on these two questions together with any other comment, if there is any.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, I think I can report on these two items. I have a small working group of the Technical Committee working on some revision of the language in our report, but I don't think this revision will make any change in our recommendations to you. The question relates to distinction between sei whales and Bryde's whales and since we are not recommending action to amend the schedule with respect to Item (k) at the present time I think I only need to say that the Technical Committee does not recommend action on Item 17 (k) and (g).

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) As you have heard, according to Dr. McHugh's report, no report has been put forward with regard to the amendment of the schedule under Item 17 (g), Size Limit for Whales other than Fin and Sperm Whales and under Item 17 (k), Definition of Sei Whale. Therefore, I consider that we are not required to take any further action and we have disposed of these two items. Is that agreed? Dr. McHugh?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): There is one small point that I did not mention, Mr. Chairman, and perhaps I should, and that is that at any rate we think it would be a good idea for the Commission to ask its member countries to instruct their inspectors to report these two species separately. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. Dr. McHugh. My feeling is that these questions you have raised will appear in the Technical Committee's report which we will deal with under Item 14 and we shall make our decision concerning that matter when we deal with Item 14.

At the moment we are deliberating the item concerning the amendment of the Schedule, so I propose that we should come back -- we should deal with the matter mentioned by Dr. McHugh at a later stage

when we deal with Item 14. Is that agreed? So, it has been decided.

We have disposed of Items (h) and (i). Now we come to Item (j) "Restriction of the Use of Factory Ships". May I ask Dr. McHugh to report.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, Item (j) refers to a request by the Japanese Government to have this item placed on the Agenda. It relates to the present prohibition on using factory ships which have operated for taking baleen whales in the Antarctic in any other part of the world oceans and the Japanese request was that this paragraph be deleted. After considerable discussion in the Technical Committee it was obvious that there was a great deal of opposition to this suggestion and the Japanese Delegation finally withdrew its proposal, therefore no action is recommended at this meeting of the Commission. The Japanese Delegation did serve notice that it would raise the question at the next annual meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Dr. McHugh. According to Dr. McHugh's report which you have heard, the Technical Committee has put forward no recommendation as to the alteration of paragraph 11 under this item due to the fact that the Japanese Delegation withdrew this proposal during the Committee meeting. So I consider there is no action required for the Commission to take with respect to the amendment to the Schedule. I consider that we have disposed of this Item (j). Agreed?

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) We have disposed of Item (k) and (l). As to Item (m), Provision for Restriction of the Catch of Whales in the North Pacific, I think the question of the North Pacific whaling regulations has not been completed, so we would like to defer this item until a later plenary session. Agreed?

We have disposed of Item (n). We have disposed of all the questions under Item 17, except Sub-Item (m) "Provision for Restriction of the Catch of Whales in the North Pacific." Is there any comment? If there is no objection then I consider that we have disposed of Item 17, except for Sub-Item (m).

Now the item we have to deal with is Item 14, Technical Committee Report, but I am not certain whether this report is ready. May I ask the Secretary and Dr. McHugh?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, the Technical Committee will not be able to complete its report and approve it until after it has heard from the North Pacific Commissioners. I would suggest that if you are about ready to adjourn, I suppose there will be a coffee break after this is over, perhaps the North Pacific Commissioners can meet a little earlier than 12:30. Let's suggest that we gather in a room up on the 4th floor immediately after we have had the coffee break and then maybe we can complete our work a little earlier. But I don't know about the timing of the meeting of the Technical Committee, perhaps we may be in a position for the Technical Committee to meet before the Commission reconvenes this afternoon. I will leave it up to you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) The Delegate from USSR.

Mr. SUKHORUCHENKO (USSR): Mr. Chairman, I propose to make a small break now, an intermission for 10 - 15 minutes and to continue the Plenary Session, for I feel during this time the Commissioners will finish their work.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) My feeling is that we have finished completely almost all the important items on the Agenda and the items



which are left are in a sense formal matters and not substantially important.

(After Chairman's explanation in Japanese) INTERPRETER:

I am sorry. The statement was misinterpreted. The items which are left will not require much time to deal with.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Actually, I have been requested to break for coffee but I have tried to finish most of the substantially important items in the morning and I now gather that we have sufficient time in the afternoon for our discussions of the items left over.

Now it is quarter to 12 and I think we should break for coffee and luncheon and I suggest that the North Pacific Commissioners meet at 12:30 or so, or as soon as possible so that they can complete their business.

Does anyone have any suggestion as to what time we should meet again this afternoon? I'd like to propose to meet again at 3 o'clock. May I expect that the North Pacific Commissioners and the Technical Committee will have completed their business by 3 o'clock? If it is not possible I think we can delay the start of the afternoon session. Dr. McHugh.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, I cannot be sure of our timing but I believe that we can finish our work by that time, and I would suggest that the Technical Committee plan to meet at 2:30 in this room and if by chance we have not completed our work, you can maybe delay the opening of the plenary slightly: I don't think it would be a matter of more than 5 or 10 minutes one way or the other. So that the North Pacific Commissioners will meet maybe 15 minutes from now and then the Technical Committee will meet here at 2:30 this afternoon. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Provisionally I'd like to arrange that we should meet again at 3 o'clock. In case the Technical Committee meeting is delayed then we may have to delay the start of the plenary session. If there is no suggestion now, then I suggest we break for coffee and luncheon. Thank you.

(The Meeting adjourned at 12:50)

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSIONTWENTIETH MEETINGSession of Friday, 28th June (Afternoon), 1968In the Chair : Mr. I. Fujita(The Meeting resumed at 3 p.m.)

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Gentlemen, may I resume the plenary session? Amongst the number of items which we have not dealt with so far, I'd like to deal with Item 10, North Pacific Whale Stocks. I'd like to ask Dr. McHugh who is Chairman of the North Pacific Whaling Commissioners' meeting and also Chairman of the Technical Committee to report with regard to the results of the discussion under this item. Dr. McHugh.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, the Working Group of North Pacific Commissioners reported to the Technical Committee just a few minutes ago and we have not had time yet to come up with a typed piece of paper that represents the Technical Committee's statement on this question, but I'd like to call on Mr. Goldthorpe to read the wording that he and I developed for the particular item on the Agenda of the Technical Committee.

Mr. GOLDTHORPE (Asst. Secretary): The paragraph we proposed to insert into the report of the Technical Committee is as follows - paragraph 13:

"The North Pacific Commissioners met on June 21st, 23rd, 26th, 27th and 28th, 1968. They reported to the Technical Committee that they had agreed on the following regulations for the 1969 season in the North Pacific Ocean:

- 1) The catch quota for fin whales shall be 1,600 whales.
- 2) The catch of sei whales shall not exceed the 1967 catch. For the 1968 season, the voluntary restrictions expressed in appendices to the report of the Honolulu meeting of November 1967 shall apply."

Mr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, one thing I neglected to put in there was after item marked 1) relating to the catch quota for fin whales, following that statement should be in parenthesis "excluding the catch in the East China Sea." I forgot that when I was talking to Mr. Goldthorpe.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much.

Mr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment very briefly further on this matter. We are not recommending to the Commission an amendment to the Schedule at this time for reasons that Dr. Sprules explained in the Technical Committee. The reason is that Canada probably will not be whaling in 1969 and therefore in effect she has no quota. Canada may resume whaling at any time in the future, and when she does, if she had agreed to set a quota on the whale catch, she then is in a very awkward position because she would have to negotiate with the other countries as to what her share might be. So we thought it might be best to try this out as an agreement between the four countries first of all and if this works, then in effect it will be just as good as an amendment to the Schedule. I might also emphasize that this agreement applies only to the 1969 season because

we do not yet have a stock assessment for 1970 and this agreement will have to be re-negotiated year by year for that reason. The research in the North Pacific season is a different season from the Antarctic and the annual meetings of the Commission are not at a particularly suitable time of year for the purpose of setting quotas in the North Pacific, but this is a technical problem which can be worked out without too much difficulty I think. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Dr. McHugh. As members of the Commission have heard, the conservation measures for the whale stocks for the North Pacific are to be introduced from the 1969 season. This problem has been a long standing one to be resolved, and it is my pleasure to notice that this question has been solved by tremendous efforts by Dr. McHugh as the Chairman of the meetings of the Commissioners concerned and due to the cooperative attitudes of the Commissioners who participated in the meeting. Although the report which Dr. McHugh gave verbally is not typed yet, I'd like to propose that the Commission should accept the report of the Technical Committee on this item in this form. Could I ask someone to move for acceptance of the report? Moved by Japan and who seconds? Seconded by Soviet Russia, thank you very much - and Canada also. Yes, thank you. (Accepted). All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Gentlemen, in this connection may I draw your attention to Item 17 (m) Provision for restriction of the catch of whales in the North Pacific. Since the Technical Committee has made no recommendation with regard to the amendment to the Schedule, under this sub-item, no further action by the Commission is required, so I consider we have disposed of this item following the practice we have adopted. Agreed? Mr. Graham?

Mr. GRAHAM (U.K.): Just before we leave this item, there is one question that I would like to ask, but first of all I should like to congratulate the countries concerned on having reached what I think is a very important agreement, and which I hope will result in preserving the North Pacific from some of the extreme problems we have had in the Antarctic. But the question that I wanted to ask was this: Are we to understand that this Agreement includes a division between the countries of the participating countries of a total catch as agreed. That of course would not be a matter for the Commission, it would be a matter for the countries concerned, but from the point of view of knowing how these limits will be achieved, it would be interesting to know if in fact there is some sort of division of the quota agreed between the countries as there has been for the Antarctic.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Yes, I understand. I could reply to your question but I think it is proper to ask Dr. McHugh to reply to your question.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Sorry Mr. Chairman, I didn't mean to take the question away from you, because you can answer it just as well as I can. But the answer is "yes." We have agreed on a division of the quota. In fact this is what our arguments have been about in the last several days, and we were not prepared to even recommend or tell the Commission that we had arrived at a quota until we had some agreed method of dividing it, because until we had that method we could not agree on a quota. The details of the Agreement we thought it was not appropriate to report now. In fact it will depend on an exchange of notes between Governments before it is official. At that time, the Commission of course will be notified as to what action the North Pacific Commissioners are taking, and I am sure any one of the four North Pacific Commissioners will be glad to give you a general idea as to what the detailed basis of our Agreement is.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much Dr. McHugh. I wonder whether Mr. Graham is satisfied with the reply from Dr. McHugh.

Mr. GRAHAM (U.K.): Yes, I am completely satisfied.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you Mr. Graham. Now we come to Item 14: Technical Committee Report and we are required to approve the Report. May I ask someone to move for the approval of the Report.

Mr. KNUDTZON (Norway): I so move Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Seconded? Soviet Union. Seconded. All in favour? Carried.

In connection with the Technical Committee Report which we have approved, I would like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Commission our deep appreciation for the contribution made by Dr. McHugh, the Chairman of the Technical Committee, and other Commissioners and Delegates who have participated in the deliberations of the Technical Committee.

Frankly speaking we had a number of problems of the greatest difficulty to discuss at this Twentieth Meeting. However, almost all those questions have been in one way or another resolved in a friendly atmosphere and expeditiously, and in this regard I would like to pay high regard to the excellent ability and leadership which Dr. McHugh displayed in conducting the business of the Technical Committee. And I would also like to pay high regard to the co-operation which was shown by the delegates and commissioners who participated in the deliberations of the Committee, and I would like to again express my sincere appreciation on behalf of the Commission as a whole.

Now I consider we have completed all the items as far as Item 18. Now we would like to come to Item 19. Reports from Observers.

I would like to hear the Reports from our Observers who might have been sent to other meetings from this Commission. May I ask the Secretary, Mr. Stacey, whether he has any information concerning this item?

The SECRETARY: Mr. Chairman, we only sent one observer to another meeting during the past year. That is Dr. Mackintosh who attended the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea. We not had a Report from Dr. Mackintosh but I have had a letter from him in which he explains his position at the Whale Research Institute, and since he has been very closely associated with the work of the Commission for very many years, in fact since its inception, I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if you would like me to read this letter to the Commission.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Yes, please.

The SECRETARY: Dr. Mackintosh says that "arrangements have recently been made for a change in the organization of this unit," that is the Whale Research Unit, "and you may like to perhaps inform members of the Commission with whom we have worked in previous years, especially members of the Scientific Committee, that I am now retiring from my position as Officer in charge of research on whales in the National Institute of Oceanography and that Mr. R. Gambell takes charge of the Unit's work. It is proposed that I should be re-engaged to continue research in related fields under the Natural Environment Research Council. It is unnecessary for me to comment on Mr. Gambell's qualifications as he is already well known to the Commission. On my part I can look forward to less responsibility and more scope for

scientific work. I have attended all meetings of the Commission and earlier conferences since 1938, and need hardly say that this is not the end of my interest in its activities. According to present plans, I shall continue to work with my colleagues in this Unit, and to be concerned in part with the biology of whales in the Antarctic, but also with other aspects of Antarctic biology for which much material is available. I shall hope to meet members of the Commission and Scientific Committee again when a meeting is again held in London."

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) As you have heard from the Report by the Secretary, Dr. Mackintosh was unable to attend this meeting, and he has informed us that he is retiring from the Whale Research Unit.

Frankly speaking, we have reached the stage where we need more precise scientific data on the whale stocks, and in this connection I am fully convinced that Dr. Mackintosh with broad and wide knowledge in the scientific field and wide experience contributed tremendously to the work of the Commission, and we cannot overestimate his contribution to the Commission.

I would like to propose that on the occasion of Dr. Mackintosh's retiring from the Whale Research Unit that the Whaling Commission should express their appreciation for Dr. Mackintosh's tremendous contribution in the field of science to the Whaling Commission since its foundation. If there is no objection I would like to propose that we should express our appreciation to Dr. Mackintosh. I wonder whether if everybody agrees. (Agrees). Thank you very much.

As there seems to be no observer from our Commission who attended other meetings, I would like to ask those Observers from other governments or other international organizations, to make their observations. May I invite them one by one. I wonder if the Observer from the Chile Government has any observation to make.

Mr. PARADA (Chile): No.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) No? Thank you very much. May I ask if the Observer from Italy has any statement to make?

Mr. CORRIAS (Italy): No.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) No? Thank you very much. May I invite Mr. Boerema to make some observation or statement on behalf of FAO.

Mr. BOEREMA (FAO): Thank you Mr. Chairman, at the end of your Meeting I would like to express my thanks on behalf of FAO and also myself for the opportunity to attend your meetings as Observer. I have listened to your discussions with great interest and it is particularly satisfying that the Commission continues to take the scientific advice on the sustainable yields of the various whale stocks as the basis of its discussions and it has reached an agreement for both the Antarctic and the North Pacific Area. With respect to the scientific advice Mr. Chairman, I have noted and will report the appreciation for the work done by FAO on behalf of the Commission. I am pleased to be able to report to FAO that the Commission has decided to maintain its catch quota for the Antarctic at last year's level although the estimate for the sustainable yield is somewhat higher than last years, so that there is a greater margin between the quota and the new estimate provided by the Scientific Committee. FAO will be very happy to carry out the various items of work which your Commission decided to request. With respect to next year's assessment of the state of the Antarctic whale stocks, it has been mentioned a few times at this Meeting, that new information on the biology of fin whales and some new approaches in assessment methods have become available as

a result of recent meetings of Commission Working Groups and Committees. These new results could not be yet completely incorporated in the estimates presented at this meeting and although it is believed that the present estimates are of the right order of magnitude, the new information necessitates a new re-calculation of the estimates. FAO plans to have this work carried out fairly soon and at least before the end of this year and hopes then to circulate a Report on this work to the scientists for their information and comments. Thereafter, the results of the next whaling season will then be added to this analysis and in this way it is believed that for your next meeting, an estimate for sustainable yield of the Antarctic whale stock will be available which is rather more precise than the estimates available hitherto. It may be that the new estimates are different from the present ones, they may be higher, there is also certainly a chance that they will be lower than the present figures. I hope that your Commission will understand the difficulties which the scientists have in carrying out their work and will not blame them too much if it appears that the new estimates are different to some extent because you know the necessary basic information although it is gradually accumulated, is still not always available and in sufficient detail to come to very precise conclusions.

Mr. Chairman, it has been a very useful and also a very pleasant meeting and time here in Tokyo and I again wish to thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much Mr. Boerema. Next, may I invite Mr. Gambell to make a statement if there is any on behalf of the International Council of the Exploration of the Sea. Mr. Gambell.

Mr. GAMBELL (ICES): Thank you Mr. Chairman, I should merely like to thank the Commission for allowing the ICES to have an Observer present at their Meeting and inform you that I will communicate the facts of this meeting as they are particularly important to ICES, at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much Mr. Gambell. May I ask Mr. Lindbergh who has been present at this meeting as an Observer on behalf of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and National Resources as well as the Fauna Preservation Society. Mr. Lindbergh please.

Mr. LINDBERGH (IUCN): Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen. I am representing the Survival Service Commission for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The interests of the IUCN and the interests of the International Whaling Commission are basically similar. We want to prevent the extermination of whale species and to re-build stocks to the point of maximum yield within the shortest practicable period of time. Obviously the discussions that take place here have importance extending far beyond the whaling industry. They indicate the degree to which nations can cooperate in developing the food potential of our oceans. Since rising populations require more food, peoples of the world demand that wisdom and responsibility be used in managing the whale stocks.

Gentlemen, you have already accomplished much, by halting the extermination of the blue and humpback species while a few hundred of the original tens of thousands remain alive. Conservationists are grateful to you for finally setting the Antarctic quota below the estimated re-production rate. But there is much of mutual interest still to be achieved, and until a quota agreement in the North Pacific is definitely achieved, the whaling catastrophe of the Antarctic is likely to be repeated. We need a long-term plan for building up the tragically low baleen whale stocks and for maintaining the re-production rate of sperm whales. Scientific management of world whale resources will never

be accomplished until some method of regulation by individual species is found. An international observer scheme seems rational and essential and of course a quota division agreements are vital to a successful programme. Gentlemen, may I express IUCN's sincere appreciation for the courtesies you have extended and assure you of our support in the objective of building and maintaining the great resources of our oceans?

Mr. Chairman, I have been asked to also represent the Fauna Preservation Society and to read the following statement. "The Fauna Preservation Society welcomes the continued adoption by the IWC of a realistic quota that recognizes the necessity of conserving the Antarctic whale stocks. The Society urges the need for even further restraint in order that stocks may build up again and until they can once more support a substantial whaling industry and provide a greater proportion of the protein oil and other products for which the world need is so great. The Society also continues to press for the revision as soon as practicable of the present blue whale unit system, so as to allow for a separate management of the world's stock of fin and sei whales. Furthermore, the Society is alarmed that it has not yet been possible to reach a clear agreement on quotas for the North Pacific whale stocks without which the disastrous experience of the Antarctic will be repeated in the North Pacific. The FPS urges most strongly that such an agreement be reached in the near future." Gentlemen, I thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you Mr. Lindbergh. May I ask Mr. Bourne of the World Wildlife Fund to make his remarks if he has any statement to make?

Mr. BOURNE (WWF): Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, we would just like to be associated with Mr. Lindbergh's statement on behalf of IUCN. Our statement is almost identical and for brevity I should just like you to know that we associate our views with his. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Bourne.

(Chairman calls on Mr. Walsh, representing the International Society for the Protection of Animals. No interpretation into English).

Mr. WALSH (ISPA): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Gentlemen: Animal welfare opinion throughout the world has for some time been deeply concerned with the manner in which some whales are killed. As the whaling industry is likely to continue, whales should be killed as efficiently and with the least amount of pain humanely possible. Unnecessary suffering should not occur, and with this in mind the International Society would recommend a gunnery training scheme and encourage the continued experimentation and development of more humane methods to be employed by the whaling industry.

We support the suggestion of a catch quota by species and wish to encourage member nations to examine this possibility for discussion at the next annual meeting, and we look forward to the implementation of the International Observer Scheme and encourage member nations to seek a workable scheme that can be established at the 21st Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the International Whaling Commission for extending the courtesy of allowing an observer of the International Society for the Protection of Animals to attend these meetings. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Walsh. Next, may I ask Mr. Itabisashi, to make a statement on behalf of the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare? Mr. Itabisashi, please.

Mr. ITABISASHI (UFAW): Thank you. No, Sir.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Itabisashi. I wanted to ask the observer from the Portuguese Government at the first part of the business under this item, and now it seems that the observer of the Portuguese Government is back. May I ask whether he has any observation to make?

Dr. CUNHA (Portugal): I don't know very well the documents but I don't think I have any observation. If I have, I would like to speak later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. I consider that we have completed our business under Item 19, report from the observers. Is there any comment or any objection to make? If there is no further comment to make, we regard that we have disposed of this Item 19.

Now, may we come to Item 20, Election of Chairman. As I explained at the first plenary session, this item has been included as a result of Mr. Tame's request to resign from the chairmanship of the Commission due to his promotion. I would like to invite anyone to suggest or propose the means of dealing with this matter.

Mr. KNUDTZON (Norway): Mr. Chairman, at the 18th Annual Meeting, I had the pleasure to propose that Mr. Fujita be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Fujita has more than lived up to my expectations as a neutral and efficient acting chairman for this meeting. I would consequently recommend that Mr. Fujita be promoted to Chairman for the period beginning with the closure of this meeting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Knudtzon. As this proposal is related to myself, I am very embarrassed to ask for any other comment. But is there anyone to second the Norwegian proposal? Dr. Sprules? Mr. Graham? Dr. McHugh?

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, to save you further embarrassment the United States will also second this motion and will suggest that all other delegations second the motion, and then you don't need to go through the embarrassment of listening to the voting.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Dr. McHugh. South Africa seconds. Australia and New Zealand, thank you very much. And Argentina. And Denmark. (All delegates seconded the proposal). Please, Australia.

Mr. HOFFMAN (Australia): Mr. Chairman, I wanted to add one comment in seconding the proposal for yourself as Chairman, and that was, in looking back through the records of the Commission, I could only find one name of any man here who had had a longer experience than yourself in the work of the Commission, and that is the man who has nominated you for chairmanship. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. (Applause). Thank you very much. I feel honored to be nominated unanimously to be the new chairman of the Commission. When I accepted the nomination of Vice-Chairman last year, I didn't expect to be nominated so early as the Chairman of the Commission. As you are aware, I am not capable of carrying out the duties of a chairman in the English language and I do lack experience of presiding over an international conference of this scale, and I have been very concerned about how I should discharge the duties of an acting chairman for this meeting.



I have some experience in negotiating with the Russian Government, with my friend Mr. Sukhoruchenko, and I have some confidence and experience in a sort of quarrelling and arguing with my Russian friend, but I am not experienced in presiding over the meeting of this character. As I have said I do lack the experience of presiding over the international meeting of this scale, I am afraid that some of the members of the Commission are not happy with the way I have carried out the duties of Acting Chairman of this meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your tolerance, understanding and cooperation which were shown during the course of this meeting as I am just about to complete my duties as the Chairman of the Commission.

I have been nominated to be the new Chairman of the Commission. I expect I shall discharge the duties of the Chairman during the terms of the office provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, and I would like to express my gratitude for your kind thought in supporting me as the Chairman of the Commission. At the same time I must confess that I am not confident at all whether I could carry out the heavy duties of the Chairman, but since I have been nominated, I would like to accept it and I am delighted to discharge the duties of the Chairman of the Commission.

I would like to seek your support and cooperation in carrying out my duties. In connection with this, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that now we have to elect a new Vice-Chairman this question having arisen out of Item 20 "Election of Chairman," because I have been the Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

The question of the election of Vice-Chairman may be interpreted to be included under Item 20 "Election of Chairman" or maybe some people may say that it should be under Item 22 "Any Other Business." Of course, the legal experts who are present here know which one is the correct interpretation but without asking for any legal advice I would like to deal with this matter here under Item 20.

So we deal with the election of the Vice-Chairman. If anyone wishes to make any proposal, any comment or any statement, he is welcome. May I ask anyone to make any proposal?

If there is no one to propose the nomination for the Vice-Chairman I feel I may be entitled to nominate a candidate of Vice-Chairman who may help me in carrying out the duties of the Chairman. Mr. Graham, please.

Mr. GRAHAM (U.K.): I should like to nominate Dr. McHugh. The reasons for nominating him are very similar to those that have been expressed in nominating yourself, Mr. Chairman, namely that we have seen him in operation so that we know exactly what we are getting and I am sure everybody who has worked under his Chairmanship will feel that he will make an admirable Vice-Chairman of the Commission, so that I should like to nominate Dr. McHugh.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham of the United Kingdom moved a proposal that Dr. McHugh, the United States Commissioner, be elected as Vice-Chairman. Anyone to second? Japan second.

Mr. SUKHORUCHENKO (U.S.S.R.): I second the nomination of Dr. McHugh.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. Norway, Canada, South Africa, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. Everybody? (Applause).

I must disclose that the candidate whom I had in mind to be the Vice-Chairman is exactly Dr. McHugh. Although the United States Commissioner remained silent, I consider Dr. McHugh was elected unanimously to be the Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

The nomination was approved unanimously: I would like to ask Dr. McHugh to accept this nomination.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, I am afraid I must disagree with you. It was not unanimous, because the United States abstained. All I can say is thank you and I will do my best to help you in the coming years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Now that the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been elected, I consider that we have completed Item 20.

The next item to be dealt with is Item 21, "Arrangements of Press Release." With regard to the arrangements for press release, the Commission's practice has been to entrust the Chairman and the Secretary with the task of making arrangements for the press release.

Well, as to the arrangements for the press release, I'd like to propose that the Commission will entrust the Chairman and Secretary as it has been done in the past with the task of drawing up the press release and distribution. I wonder whether this is the wish of the Commission this year? (Agreed) Thank you very much. I now regard that the Commission has entrusted this task to the Chairman and the Secretary and we shall take action in accordance with the past practice which the Commission has taken.

The only remaining item on our Agenda is Item 22, any other business. I'd like to ask the Secretary if he has any proposals, or any statements to make under this item?

The SECRETARY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have two letters from international organizations inviting the Commission to send observers to their meetings. The first one is from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea. They have invited the Commission to send an observer to their annual meeting in Copenhagen from the 30th of September to the 9th of October 1968. That is the first one. Perhaps you would like to deal with that one first, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) The first question is related to an invitation from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea at the annual meeting in Copenhagen in October, and as to how to deal with the question, I wonder whether the Secretary has any ideas?

The SECRETARY: Mr. Chairman, this was the meeting last year which the Commission left the Chairman to nominate a representative from this Commission to attend the meeting. He in fact nominated Dr. Mackintosh. Dr. Mackintosh's place at the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea has been taken by Mr. Gambell, and I don't know whether the Commission would like Mr. Gambell to represent them at this meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Dr. Sprules.

Dr. SPRULES (CANADA): Mr. Chairman, I was just going to say that if the United Kingdom delegation feels that Mr. Gambell might be in a position to attend the annual meeting of the ICES this fall, I

think this would be a very good suggestion for us to appoint Mr. Gambell as our representative. I would point out that the meetings of ICES are primarily scientific and I think a member of our Scientific Committee would be the logical choice to represent our Commission.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you. Mr. Gambell please.

Mr. GAMBELL (U.K.): Mr. Chairman, if I may speak on this point, there is no guarantee at this stage that I shall be attending the meeting in Copenhagen so I think it would be a little unwise to commit myself to act as your observer but certainly I think it is possible that a member of our Whale Unit will be attending and I wonder if it would be possible to leave the position open for someone who will go without actually naming a name.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) It is clear that Mr. Gambell is not attending the meeting and I wonder whether it is acceptable to the Commission that I, as the Chairman, be entrusted with the nomination of the person who is to attend the meeting of the International Council for Exploration of the Sea. If that is acceptable, I shall consult with the Secretary so that we can nominate a proper person to observe, to be present at that meeting as an observer from our Commission. Dr. McHugh please.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman, I agree to this but I think it should be mentioned at least that there usually has been a proviso to such an agreement that this should be a person who is going to the meeting for other reasons so that it does not cost the Commission any money.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much for your comment. I am very aware of that fact so I shall select, nominate a person in a way that it will not cost the Commission any expense. Is it agreed? (Agreed) Then it has been decided.

May I ask the Secretary if there is any other business under this item?

The SECRETARY: We have also received an invitation to send an observer to the 10th meeting of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific. It will be remembered that this was brought up last year when we had a similar invitation and it was left then that the Commissioners would notify the Secretary if they were likely to be in the neighbourhood of Peru and would be able to attend the meeting on the Commission's behalf. Well, the meeting did not take place last year; it was postponed till February and it did not take place then, but the Permanent Commission now tell us that they will shortly notify us of the date when it will be held and invite us to send an observer to it.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) As the Secretary has reported, we adopted the arrangements for sending an observer last year in such a manner that the Commission should ask whether any Commissioner would be near Lima where that meeting was to be held, but the meeting was not held so it was not necessary to send an observer. My suggestion is that we should adopt the same arrangements so that I shall find some observer who will be around the place where the conference is to be held, and I shall certainly nominate a person in such a manner that it will not cost any money to the Commission. I wonder whether this solution is acceptable to the Commission? Agreed? (Agreed). Is there any other business to do under Item 22?

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Any other business under Item 22?

The SECRETARY: Well it is not business in the strictest sense of the word, Mr. Chairman, but can I take this opportunity of telling the Commissioners and Delegations that a bus has been laid on to take them to the reception tonight etc. etc.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Mr. Knudtzon?

Mr. KNUDTZON (Norway): Before we conclude the Twentieth Annual Meeting, the Government of Norway wants to express its gratitude towards Japan as the Host Country of this meeting. I believe that it is the unanimous opinion of the Member countries, that the successful outcome of this meeting is mainly due to the devoted efforts of the Japanese representatives, in particularly that of the distinguished Chairman, Mr. Fujita. We are all impressed by the high degree of the Chairman and his staff as well as by the hospitality of our Japanese friends. We would also like to put on record our great appreciation of the interest and skill deployed by our new Secretary, Mr. Stacey, in carrying out his duties. This meeting of the Commission, I am quite sure been an outstanding event and for me personally it will remain in my memory forever. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) I would like to express sincere gratitude for your kind words expressed towards me and the Japanese government (applause). I consider we have completed all the business we should have done during the Twentieth Meeting of the International Whaling Commission. If there are any comments, I welcome them. Dr. McHugh, please.

Dr. McHUGH (U.S.A.): Mr. Chairman I want to apologize and tell you I've neglected to do something I should have done during the noon hour. But I was so busy I forgot. I was supposed to ask you to make an announcement, but since you don't know what the announcement is, maybe I should make it for you. The other day, the Distinguished Observer from the I.U.C.N. saw me playing with a toy and he was so intrigued by this toy, that he wanted to share my childish enjoyment with the other Commissioners, and I think all of the Commissioners will see in front of them a little parcel like this, may be some of them have already opened it. I just wanted to call attention to the fact that Mr. Lindbergh was the originator of this idea. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Lindbergh.

Mr. LINDBERGH (I.U.C.N.): I'd just like to say that I felt that this was very appropriate as a symbol of how an irretrievable situation can be retrieved at the last moment. Thank you.

(laughter)

The CHAIRMAN: (Interpretation) Thank you very much. Before concluding this meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation as the Acting Chairman of the meeting for the tremendous help by Mr. Stacey and Mr. Goldthorpe and their staff who have helped me to carry out the duties of Acting Chairman of this meeting.

If there is no further business, I hereby declare that the Twentieth Meeting of the International Whaling Commission is closed and we shall be meeting next year in London on June 23rd. Thank you very much.

(The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

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Corrigenda

- Page 4, paragraph 1, line 2 - against "Argentina", delete "yes" and insert "n"
- Page 19, paragraph 5, line 6 - after "like" insert "to".
- Page 23, paragraph 2, line 1 - after "Mr. Sukhoruchenko (U.S.S.R.)", insert  
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- Page 24, paragraphs 3 and 10, line 1 - after "Mr. Sukhoruchenko (U.S.S.R.)",  
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- Page 25, paragraphs 3 and 7, line 1 - after "Mr. Sukhoruchenko (U.S.S.R.)",  
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- Page 27, paragraph 1, line 1 - delete "how" and insert "now".  
line 2 - after "consented" insert "to".  
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- Page 29, paragraph 7, line 1 - correct spelling of "gentlemen".
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- Page 42, paragraph 4, line 4 - delete "what" and insert "that".
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- Page 52, paragraph 9, line 4 - correct spelling of "helped".
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