



DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON ANTARCTIC MARINE  
LIVING RESOURCES SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES

The Representatives

Recalling the principles and purposes of the Antarctic Treaty,  
including the provisions of Article IV of the Treaty;

Bearing in mind the objective of preservation and conservation  
of living resources in Antarctica as set forth in Article IX, para 2(f)  
of the Antarctic Treaty;

Noting that major concentrations of marine living resources  
are found in the Antarctic Treaty area and adjacent waters;

Recognizing the urgency of ensuring that commercial harvesting  
of these marine living resources takes place in accordance with  
sound conservation standards which will prevent over-fishing and  
protect the health of the Antarctic eco-system as a whole;

Aware of the inadequacy of information concerning the stocks  
of the Antarctic marine living resources and of the importance of  
sound scientific data as a basis for effective conservation measures;

Convinced that provision for effective measures to conserve  
Antarctic marine living resources, as well as for collection and  
analysis of the data necessary to develop these measures, requires  
early conclusion of an internationally agreed arrangement, consistent  
with <sup>the</sup> Antarctic Treaty and the interests of the international com-  
munity;

Recommend to their governments that:

- 1) They, along with other States having substantial interests  
in Antarctic living resources, participate in negotiations, in the



first half of 1978, to conclude a convention to establish an internationally agreed arrangement to conserve Antarctic marine living resources;

2) They incorporate into the internationally agreed arrangement the following elements:

-- the arrangement be directed to fishery resources and not directly apply to species already regulated pursuant to existing international agreements, provided that the arrangement take account of the relationship of species covered to other species and to the Antarctic eco-system as a whole.

-- the arrangement provide for effective conservation of the species covered throughout their entire range.

--the arrangement provide for and encourage participation by all interested states, as well as for cooperative relationships with the Antarctic Treaty Consultative forum and other appropriate international bodies.

--the arrangement establish a separate institutional body to develop and implement necessary conservation measures, as well as to collect and analyze the data necessary for development of effective conservation measures.

-- the arrangement provide for effective enforcement arrangements.

2. They encourage further cooperation among the Consultative Parties in scientific studies and programs relating to Antarctic marine resources.

3. They urge the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), through their National Antarctic Committees, to continue

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its scientific work on these matters and, in particular, to accord priority attention to the BIOMASS program.