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The Representatives, having regard to Article IX(1) of the Antarctic Treaty, and recalling inter alia Recommendations I-VIII, II-II, III-VIII, VII-6 and VIII-10, recommend their Governments to approve as soon as possible and implement forthwith the measures set out below for the conservation of marine living resources:

Article 1 - Area of application. The agreed measures shall apply to the same area as the Treaty, namely south of 60° South latitude.

No provision of these measures may be regarded as detracting from the rights, claims or views of any of the Contracting Parties in respect of sovereignty over territorial waters, jurisdiction over the fisheries of the coastal state, or corresponding or liable to correspond to other maritime prerogatives and areas.

Article 2 - Resources included. These measures shall apply to marine living resources and organisms within the scope of the Antarctic Treaty, except such species as are already subject to international control and without prejudice to previous recommendations under the Treaty.

Article 3 - Aims. The object of the measures shall be to ensure a system governing Antarctic marine living resources according to well-founded principles and practices of conservancy, and in particular:

- a) to prevent any over-exploitation of whatsoever marine living organism in the Antarctic;
- b) to make sure that the exploitation of particular species does not adversely affect species dependent upon or

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related to them (eg fish, whales, birds), including biological chains as such;

- c) to make sure that exploitation of given species is effected without impairment to the integrity of the Antarctic marine ecosystem as a whole.

Article 4 - Agreed Measures

- a) Collection and interchange of basic scientific data on the nature, reciprocal relationships and dynamics of the Antarctic marine ecosystem;
- b) collection and interchange of quantitative data on stocks of Antarctic marine living resources and detailed data on the levels for whatsoever exploitation of such species;
- c) evaluation of the current status of stocks of Antarctic marine living resources;
- d) determining the stocks of the species to which the agreed conservation measures shall apply;
- e) determining the quantity of each species that can be harvested without endangering the self-regeneration capability of the resource;
- f) determining harvesting and closed seasons for each species;
- g) determining zones to be harvested and closed zones, including special zones for the protection and scientific study of given species;
- h) limitations on catches and methods;
- i) notification of figures of catches and other statistical and biological data;
- j) adoption of procedures to facilitate the scrutiny and analysis of scientific information;
- k) implementation of an effective inspection system;
- l) any further aspect the Contracting Parties may deem necessary for fulfilment of the aims of these measures.

Article 5 - Machinery. Agreement shall be reached on a coordinated action by the Contracting Parties enabling supplementary conservation measures to be taken at periodical meetings at technical level. This should be the form in which action is taken to:

- a) collect, collate and disseminate the requisite scientific data (in collaboration with SCAR);
- b) collect, collate and disseminate quantitative data of stocks and catches, possibly in cooperation with other bodies, in accordance with Article 3 (2) of the Antarctic Treaty;
- c) evaluate and review the current status of stocks of Antarctic marine living resources (in collaboration with SCAR and other bodies, in accordance with Article 3 (2) of the Antarctic Treaty);
- d) monitor the efficacy of the conservation measures.

Article 6 - Acknowledging the need to have available all the necessary information for framing effective conservation measures, it is agreed to support the BIOMASS programme drawn up by the SCAR/SCOR Group of Specialists on the Living Resources of the Southern Ocean.