Agenda Item 6

Date: 3 October 1977

ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES

(Chairman's suggested basis for Discussion)

Recommend to the Governments that:

1. A definitive regime for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources be negotiated and agreed before the end of 1978.

2. A special meeting of Consultative Parties be convened at
   (a) to determine the form of the definitive regime, including the question as to whether a wider international instrument such as a convention is necessary;
   (b) to establish the rules of procedure for a subsequent decisive meeting for the establishment of the definitive regime, including the question of participation by states other than Consultative Parties which are actively engaged in research or exploitation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and the question of participation, on an observer basis, of appropriate international organisations;
   (c) to finalise the date and place of the decisive meeting to be held in 1978, if possible at
   (d) to carry out the necessary preparatory work for such a meeting, including the elaboration of a draft legal instrument.

3. The special meeting of Consultative Parties should base its work on this recommendation and, in the elaboration of a draft legal instrument, should include the following elements
the regime should explicitly recognise the prime responsibilities of the Consultative Parties in relation to the protection and conservation of the Antarctic environment and the importance of the measures recommended by the Consultative Parties to this end

- the regime should ensure that the balance secured by virtue of Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty is safeguarded in its application to the seas in which the regime applies

- the area to be covered by the regime should be based principally on the area of specific competence of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, i.e. the area south of sixty degrees south latitude

- the regime should provide for the effective conservation of all marine living organisms throughout the Antarctic ecosystem as a whole and should provide for the possibility of its extension beyond the limit of sixty degrees south where that is necessary for the effective conservation of various species within the ecosystem

- the regime should not directly apply to species already regulated pursuant to existing international agreements but should take into account the relationship of such species to the Antarctic ecosystem as a whole.

(These elements are without prejudice to any further elements which might be agreed and subsequently included.)
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AMENDMENT TO SECOND SUB-PARAGRAPH OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF ANT/IX/77

(SUBMITTED BY DELEGATION OF AUSTRALIA)

The Regime should be without prejudice to the Sovereignty, Sovereign Rights and other Rights of Parties in the area covered by the Regime and without prejudice to the position of those Parties which in whole or in part do not recognise that such Sovereignty, Sovereign Rights or other Rights exist.