

## RESOLUTION 5/VIII

### Protection of Seabirds from Incidental Mortality Arising from Longline Fishing

129. The Commission took note of the recent introduction of longline fishing in the CCAMLR Convention Area. It expressed its concern that fishing with this technique could cause substantial incidental mortality of seabirds.

130. In this connection the Commission:

- (a) takes note of the intention of the Soviet Union not increase, by more than one or two vessels, the number of its vessels engaged in longline fishing on *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Subarea 48.3 in the 1989/90 season;
- (b) recalls that techniques have been developed and are being used on a trial basis in other longline fisheries, such as in the tuna longline fishery in the South West Pacific, to minimise incidental mortality of seabirds; and
- (c) urges all parties to the Convention conducting longline fishing in the CCAMLR Convention Area to investigate and introduce as soon as possible methods to minimise incidental mortality to seabirds arising from the use of longline fishing techniques.