

**Resolution 34/XXXI**  
**Enhancing the safety of fishing vessels in the**  
**Convention Area**

Species	all
Area	all
Season	all
Gear	all

The Commission,

Concerned about the safety of life and potential environmental consequences of a maritime incident involving a fishing vessel operating in the CAMLR Convention Area,

Recognising the progress in the development at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of a mandatory code for vessels operating in Polar waters,

Recalling Resolution 20/XXII on ice-strengthening standards in high-latitude fisheries and Resolution 23/XXIII on safety on board vessels fishing in the Convention Area,

Noting the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 ('Cape Town Agreement'),

encourages Members:

1. To continue the work, through their delegations to the IMO, on the mandatory code for ships operating in Polar waters.
2. To consider ratifying the Cape Town Agreement as soon as practicable.
3. To consider and implement appropriate measures to enhance the safety standards of those fishing vessels which they license to operate in the Convention Area.