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QUARTERLY REPORT
OF THE
THIRD SESSION OF THE FAC (CONCLUDED)
AT ROME, 1963

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1963

The Third Session was attended by representatives of 33 of the 34 member States of the Convention Nations; and 13 international organizations. The 20 representatives were welcomed in an opening address by the Mayor of Rome, Mr. Luigi Scerna, which was followed by an inspiring welcome address by Rear-Admiral W. Langeraar, Chairman, International Oceanographic Commission.

The Committee elected Mr. Sten (Sweden) as Chairman for the next two years, Mr. Bergman (Norway) as First Vice-Chairman and the representatives of Chile, India, Japan and the USA as other Vice-Chairmen.

During the Session the Committee:

- (1) discussed and adopted amendments adopted by the I.C.F. Conference at its fourteenth Session;
- (2) agreed to make arrangements for financial support of the I.C.F. and related activities, such as I.C.F. studies and other development programs under the name of the regional fishery bodies;
- (3) supported the United Kingdom proposals prepared by the United Kingdom Marine Science and Technology Committee, the Secretary General of the United Kingdom and the Government of U.K. Resolution 1963-10, "The Sea - but did not express a definite opinion regarding the important financial implications of the proposals;
- (4) reviewed and approved the six regional fishery bodies established within the framework of the I.C.F. the FAC Fishery Committee, the I.C.F. Commission for the Atlantic, the I.C.F. Commission for the Indo-Pacific Oceans, the I.C.F. Council Fisheries Council for the Indian Ocean, the Regional Fishery Council for the North-West Atlantic, and the Special Area Fisheries Advisory Committee;
- (5) discussed and approved the resolution of the Commission for the North-West Fisheries of the Southwest Atlantic;
- (6) agreed to make arrangements for the Secretary-General to draft a proposal for a fishery body for the Southwest Atlantic of a type similar to that proposed for the North Atlantic.

- (7) noted that Canada, four countries (Guana, Japan, South Africa and USA) had ratified or deposited instruments of adherence to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna and that it was expected that this Convention would enter in force in the near future;
- (8) reviewed the program of work and budget of the FAO Department of Fisheries and emphasized once again the urgent need for support of the fishery activities of FAO in order to provide technical expertise at a high level to fill the urgent need of the developing countries for assistance in all aspects for fisheries development;
- (9) endorsed a proposal to replace "WORLD FISHERIES ABSTRACTS" by a quarterly journal containing primarily technical review articles;
- (10) gave further consideration to a proposal to hold a multi-disciplinary World Fishery Congress but could not reach agreement and decided to have a sub-committee review the agenda and issues involved and report to the next Session;
- (11) noted and supported recent proposals to ensure closer cooperation and coordinated action in the field of marine pollution;
- (12) recognized the value of the work of the Continuing Working Party on Fishery Statistics in the North Atlantic Area - (FAO, ICES, ICNAF) and decided to recommend to the Council that steps be taken to have the Statutes of CWI amended so that it could be composed of up to four experts each from FAO, ICES and ICNAF, its area of responsibility could be extended and its name changed to the Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics;
- (13) agreed that the work of its Sub-Committee on the Development of Cooperation with International Organizations Concerned with Fisheries under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Labartne-Correa (Peru) was of great value and that it should be continued. In order to strengthen the Sub-Committee in the field of inland fisheries, particularly with respect to problems in Africa, it was decided to invite Chad and Uganda to become members;
- (14) emphasized the importance of education and training at all levels in the field of fisheries and urged the Department of Fisheries to give high priority to its activities in this field, especially the preparations for the first meeting of the new Sub-committee on Fishery Education and Training;

- (15) received with interest details of a message of the President of the U. S. A. to his country proposing an International Decade of Ocean Exploration and decided to include this matter as an item on the agenda for its Fourth Session. It was understood that ACMRR and the IOC Bureau and Consultative Council also would be considering the proposal at early meetings;
- (16) Agreed to hold the Fourth Session of the Committee in Rome at the end of April, 1969.

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