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Formulation of Rules of Procedure Common to the Three Main Bodies of NAFO

The Provisional Agenda for the Scientific Council includes an item on Rules of Procedure common to the three main bodies of NAFO (NAFO Circular Letter 88/21, Appendix 1, page 7, item V).

This was included as an agenda item because of the following paragraph on page 30 of the Scientific Council Reports for 1987:

"2. Formulation of Rules Common to the Three Main Components of NAFO. The Executive Secretary noted that discussions were initiated by the General Council at the 1986 Annual Meeting (GC Doc. 86/4) but had not yet been finalized. If and when such common rules are developed and approved by the General Council, they would be presented to the Scientific Council and Fisheries Commission for consideration."

The agenda item refers to NAFO/GC Doc. 87/7 which is the report of a Working Group convened by the Executive Secretary and the text of the document is as follows:

- "a) If no reply from a Contracting Party, in the case of a vote taken by mail or by telex, reaches the Secretariat within the period established under 2.6, that Contracting Party would be recorded as having abstained and it shall be considered part of the relevant quorum for voting purposes.
- b) Contracting Parties shall promptly acknowledge receipt of any request for a mail or telex vote. If no acknowledgement is received from any particular Contracting Party within one week of the date of transmittal, the Executive Secretary will retransmit the request, and will use all additional necessary means available to ensure that the request has been received. Confirmation by the Executive Secretary that the request has been received shall be deemed conclusive regarding the inclusion of the Contracting Party in the quorum for the purpose of the relevant mail or telex vote."

The agenda item also refers to NAFO GC Doc. 87/10, the Report of the General Council, September 1987, which contains 30 pages.

The Executive Secretary felt that it was not necessary to duplicate and distribute GC Doc. 87/10 in its entirety as there is only one paragraph pertinent to the agenda item. The paragraph is contained on page 3 (No. 25) and reads as follows:

"25. Returning to the subject of the Rules of Procedure, the Chairman introduced GC Doc. 87/67, proposed by the Executive Secretary, Chairman of the corresponding Working Group. That was approved unanimously."

The above documents are available in their entirety from the NAFO Secretariat if participants require a copy.