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Changes to Rule of Procedure for the Scientific Council

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The Council considered the need to change its Rules of Procedures and based on some proposals from representatives, the Chairman in consultation with the Executive Committee drafted the proposed wording for Rule 5.1 a), 5.1 b), 5.1 c) and a new Rule 5.1 d) for a new Standing Committee. After further review, the Council by unanimous vote, adopted the Rules as presented below in accordance with Article X.2 of the Convention. Rule 5.1 c) shall remain unchanged.

The new **Rule 5** shall now read as follows:

5.1 There shall be the following standing committees:

- a) The **Standing Committee on Fisheries Science (STACFIS)** which shall:
 - i) assess the status of fish stocks upon the request of the Scientific Council;
 - ii) assess the effects on fish stocks of fishing strategies and management upon the request of the Scientific Council; and
 - iii) evaluate new methods for fish stock assessment.
- b) The **Standing Committee on Research Coordination (STACREC)** which shall:
 - i) develop and recommend to the Scientific Council policies and procedures for the collection, compilation, and dissemination of statistical and sampling information on the living resources and fisheries in the Convention Area;

- ii) coordinate the compilation and maintenance of statistics and records and their dissemination, including liaison with coastal states in the Convention Area;
 - iii) coordinate the planning and execution of international cooperative research in co-operation with coastal states in the Convention Area;
 - iv) encourage and promote cooperation among the Contracting Parties in scientific research designed to fill gaps in knowledge pertaining to fisheries matters identified by the Scientific Council; and
 - v) review and evaluate data and information and advise the Scientific Council on advances in knowledge of biology relevant to the Convention Area;
- c) The **Standing Committee on Publications (STACPUB)** which shall:
- i) develop, coordinate and keep under review the publication and editorial policy and procedures of the Scientific Council and make recommendations thereto on these matters; and
 - ii) be chaired by the Vice-Chairman, and consist of five other members appointed by the Scientific Council.
- d) The **Standing Committee on Fisheries and Environment (STACFEN)** which shall:
- i) develop and recommend to the Scientific Council policies and procedures for the collection, compilation and dissemination of environmental information from oceanographic investigations;
 - ii) provide reviews of environmental conditions and advise the Scientific Council on the effects of the environment on fish stocks and fisheries in the Convention Area; and
 - iii) encourage and promote cooperation among Contracting Parties in scientific research designed to fill the gaps in knowledge pertaining to the effects of the environment on fish stocks and fisheries as identified by the Scientific Council.