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MINUTES OF THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION

TIME: Tuesday, April 10, 1951, 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Main Ball Room, Shoreham Hotel
CHAIRMAN: Dr. Hilary J. Deason (U.S.A.)

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The session will kindly come to order.

This is the Final Plenary Session of the First Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. Before we begin our proceedings for the afternoon, I should like to welcome, on behalf of the Commission, the Spanish delegation, which has arrived since we had our last Executive Session; Senor Jose Jaudenes as the observer from Spain, Senor Cipriano Ojeda as alternate, and Senor Pedro Diaz de Espada as alternate. We all welcome you.

Mr. Secretary General, do you have any announcements?

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHELER): I trust that each of you has made arrangements with the Documents Officer for the transmittal to you of the documents you are not taking with you. All documents up to those relating to this session are available or will be sent out in accordance with your instructions. The final documents will be mailed to the address you have given the Documents Officer. Be sure to see that you have left the correct instructions with the Documents Officer at the Registration Desk. It will be appreciated.

CAPTAIN BELO (PORTUGAL): Mr. Chairman, in this last session I would like, as an observer, to congratulate you and all the Commission for the wonderful work you have done during this meeting, and to extend to you my best thanks for the kindness with which you have acted as host during this meeting. At the same time, I am pleased to inform you that Portugal has decided to ratify the Convention in the very near future. However, I don't know exactly when, but I am informed that it will be ratified very soon.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much, sir. I am sure the Commissioners join with me in an expression of satisfaction that we shall have Portugal with us at the Second Annual Meeting of the Commission as a full participant.

Gentlemen, I should like to call your attention to Administrative Document 7 which deals with our request for an indication of the number of copies of the printed report of the First Meeting that you will require. We believe, in the United States, that the printed report of the First Meeting should be distributed more widely than merely to government officers, possibly as an aid to encouraging interest in the

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Commission. We plan, in the United States, to distribute this report to fishery research organizations, scientists, and libraries, in addition to governmental persons concerned, and to make copies available to key persons in the fishing industry of the area, if they desire to receive copies.

I merely mention this as an indication to the other governments that the United States Government will be pleased to make more than sufficient copies for Government use available. In other words, we wish you to request us for the number of copies which you will require to make such effective distribution within each of your own countries as you determine to be appropriate.

For those of you who have not handed in Administrative Document 7, with the blanks filled in, and who are unable to do so today because further information is required or because you desire to consult someone in your own government before indicating the number of copies, we shall be pleased to receive the indication of your wants, as soon as possible, by mail.

The Chair recognizes at this time the Commissioner from Canada, Mr. Gushue.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): Mr. Chairman, since the last Executive Meeting I have received a communication from the Chairman of the Board of Regents of the Memorial University of Newfoundland, which, with your permission, I should like to read into the record.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): We would be very glad to have it for the record, sir.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): The letter is addressed to me as a member of the Board of Regents, and reads as follows:

"Prior to the issue by the Government of Newfoundland of the invitation of April 1st to the International Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Commission to establish its headquarters at or near St. John's, the proposal that the facilities of the University be made available to the Commission was discussed with the Board of Regents.

"The Board enthusiastically concurred in the proposal, and I have been instructed to write you as a member of the Board to inform you of our concurrence and to authorize you to assure the Commission, if the occasion should arise, that it will be a great pleasure for us to make available to the Commission our facilities and that in the programme of expansion of the University provision will be made for additional facilities to meet its needs, if its headquarters should be established here.

"As you are aware, it was already the intention that, in erecting new buildings and establishing new facilities for study and research, the application of science to the study of fisheries would be one of our principal objectives. If the Commission should select St. John's as its headquarters, expansion and development of the University in this direction would be accelerated.

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"We should welcome the opportunity to cooperate with the Commission in this way and we are glad to support the invitation by the Government.

"Yours sincerely,

/s/ A. J. WALSH

Chairman."

As a member of the Board of Regents I support this most heartily, sir, and I have much pleasure in passing the letter to you.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much, Mr. Gushue.

On behalf of the Commission, may I say that we sincerely appreciate this additional generous offer from Newfoundland, of facilities for the headquarters of the Commission. Without objection, the Chair will answer this letter as soon as possible, indicating the action taken with reference to the invitation from the Government of Newfoundland and the invitation from Dalhousie University at Halifax. You will recall that at an earlier session we adopted a resolution which directed the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman to visit both St. John's, Newfoundland, and Halifax, Nova Scotia prior to the Second Annual Meeting, and to submit a report and recommendations to the Commission at that meeting.

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The next item of business is approval of the minutes of the second, third, fourth and fifth executive sessions. They appear as Documents 16, 24, 28 and 37.

At an earlier executive session Commissioners were invited to submit suggestions and recommendations for corrigenda on these minutes. I believe that all of the corrigenda received have been issued, and, therefore, a motion for adoption of the minutes of the second, third, fourth, and fifth executive sessions is now in order.

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): I move the adoption of these, Mr. Chairman, for the United States.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The United States has moved the adoption of the minutes of the executive sessions indicated. Do I hear a second?

DR. FRIDRIKSSON (ICELAND): Second.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Seconded by Iceland.

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will kindly say "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Contrary minded, "no".

The minutes are adopted.

With reference to the minutes of the present Plenary session, there will be no opportunity, of course, to place them before the Commission for formal adoption. They will be mailed or handed to Commissioners, as the case may be, as soon as possible. If any errors or recommendations for amendment are received, in order that the records of this meeting may be complete and accurate, it will be appreciated if you will mail in any information concerning errors or suggestions for amendment as rapidly as possible so we may place a corrigendum in the file, thus making these final minutes as accurate as possible.

We now proceed to the reports of the Panels. Panel 1, the Chairman, Mr. Dingsen of Denmark, is absent at this session, and Dr. Tanning will speak in his stead.

DR. TANNING (DENMARK): Mr. Chairman, Document 31 is the minutes of this Panel, and it has been corrected. I move its adoption.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The Commissioner from Denmark, Dr. Tanning, has moved the adoption of the report of Panel 1. Do I hear a second?

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): I will second.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Seconded by the United Kingdom. Is there any discussion? All those in favor will kindly signify by saying "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Opposed, "no".

The report is adopted.

Panel 2 was not organized, since Canada is the only member. Do either of the Commissioners from Canada wish to make any observations concerning Panel 2?

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): Mr. Chairman, I move that the verbatim record of the meeting of Panel 2 be accepted as the report of the Panel to the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you, Mr. Gushue. Is there a second to Mr. Gushue's motion?

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): Second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Seconded by the United States. All those in favor kindly say "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Contrary minded, "no".

The report is adopted.

The report of Panel 3, Document 33; the chairman, Mr. Gushue of Canada.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): I move, Mr. Chairman, that the verbatim record of the meeting of the panel be taken as report to the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Is there a second to the motion of the Commissioner from Canada?

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): Second.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Seconded by the United States. Is there any discussion? All those in favor will kindly say "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Contrary minded, "no".

The report is adopted.

The chairman of Panel 4 is Mr. MacKichan of Canada, who is not with us at the moment. The report of the Panel is embodied in Document 29. Mr. Gushue served as chairman pro tem of the Panel session; perhaps he would wish to submit the report.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): I move, sir, that the verbatim record of the meetings of Panel 4 be taken as the report to the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Do I hear a second to the motion?

DR. TÄNING (DENMARK): I second it.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Seconded by Dr. Täning of Denmark. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the report, please signify by saying "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Opposed, "no".

The report is adopted.

The report for panel 5 is embodied in Document 36, which has been amended by Corrigendum 1. The chairman of the panel is Mr. Sargent.

MR. SARGENT (UNITED STATES): Mr. Chairman, I move the verbatim record of the meetings of Panel 5 be adopted as the report to the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Do I hear a second to the motion?

MR. FRIDRIKSSON (ICELAND): Second.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Seconded by the Commissioner from Iceland, Dr. Fridriksson. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the report for Panel 5, please say "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Contrary minded, "no".

The report is adopted.

If I remember correctly, Panel 5 resolved to meet again at least once before the next annual meeting of the Commission. I believe tentatively it considered a date possibly in the late summer or early fall, about September, at which time it would consider the research data bearing particularly upon the present condition in the haddock fisheries.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): I think it was also suggested that Panel 1 should meet at Amsterdam at the time of the ICES meeting, if possible.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Any Panel may be convened of course, according to the Rules of Procedure, after consultation between the Chairman of the Panel and the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

Now we come to the report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics. The chairman of the Committee, Dr. Needler of Canada, is not with us. We ask that Mr. Knollenberg, of the United States, who appeared on that

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Committee, submit the report of the Committee. I believe it contains some matters upon which the Commission will have to act.

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): If you turn to DOC/38 (Rev.1), dated April 9, 1951, the first recommendation appears under the heading on Page 2, "Fishery Statistics in the Convention Area".

The Committee points out that there are now large gaps in the information with reference to the statistics in the Convention area, and recommends that the Commission instruct the Executive Secretary to review the situation before the next annual meeting of the Commission, in consultation with the appropriate persons in all countries fishing in the Convention area, and with FAO and ICES, and to report on the adequacy of the statistics and on the problems involved in improving them.

Such a report would be reviewed by the Committee and would serve as a basis for recommending action by the Commission at its next meeting.

Then, on Page 2, under "Review of Research Programs and Results" is the following additional recommendation:

"The Committee recommends that the Commission request governments conducting research in the waters of the Convention area to submit summaries of programs and results of such research to the Commission in sufficient time and in sufficient number for distribution by the Executive Secretary to members of the Commission and of the Committee sixty days in advance of each annual meeting of the Commission."

I think, Mr. Chairman, subject to your correction, those were the two recommendations embodied.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): That is correct. The Chair will entertain a motion for the adoption of the two recommendations of the Committee on Research and Statistics, which have just been read by one of the Commissioners from the United States, Mr. Knollenberg.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): I will propose.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you, Mr. Dobson. The United Kingdom moves the adoption of the two recommendations of the Committee. Do I hear a second?

DR. BATES (CANADA): I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Seconded by Canada. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the recommendations will kindly say "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Opposed, "no".

The recommendations are adopted, and the Committees and the Executive Secretary are instructed accordingly.

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The next item on the agenda is the report of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance; Mr. MacKichan, of Canada, is the Chairman. Since the report is merely pro forma, may I ask the Secretary General, Mr. Wheeler, to read it?

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): The Committee, in view of its functions and responsibilities, agreed to recommend to the Commission that this Committee should meet immediately before the convening of the next annual meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): I don't believe that report requires any particular action. We overlooked to mention that a similar recommendation was made by the Committee on Research and Statistics, that it meet two or three days in advance of the next Commission meeting.

The next item on the agenda is Item 6, Report of the ad hoc Committee on Agenda Item 22, i.e., consideration of means for establishing and maintaining working arrangements with other international and public organizations.

I believe Dr. Knollenberg is the spokesman for that ad hoc Committee.

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): Mr. Chairman, I am the spokesman for the Committee. We have no chairman. As you know from Document 35, dated April 7, 1951, with Corrigendum A, dated April 9, 1951, we adopted a series of resolutions. They are rather lengthy. I thought that perhaps the Secretary General might read them, if it were deemed appropriate to have them set forth.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): I believe they are of sufficient importance, Dr. Knollenberg, that we should have them read. Will the Secretary General please read the resolutions embodied in the report?

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): Reading from Document 35, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Article X, Paragraph 1, of the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries provides that the Commission shall seek to establish and maintain working arrangements with other public international organizations which have related objectives, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, to ensure effective collaboration and coordination with respect to their work and, in the case of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, the avoidance of duplication of scientific investigations;

"WHEREAS, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Commission desires that there be realized, at the earliest practicable date, the mutual advantages to be gained from such cooperative working arrangements;

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"AND WHEREAS, it is regarded as necessary that, before the establishment of such working arrangements, there be specific examination of the precise areas of common interest which may provide a basis for cooperation, and of methods and means for implementing the said Article X, Paragraph 1;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Executive Secretary of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Commission are instructed to consult with appropriate officials of other public international organizations with related objectives, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, with a view to determining the related aspects of their respective functions, and programs;

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and the Executive Secretary are authorized to enter into such interim arrangements for exchange of information, and other forms of cooperation, as may be expedient, and that the Chairman shall report to the Commission at its Second Annual Meeting concerning actions taken pursuant to this resolution, and shall recommend to the Commission the most practicable and effective methods by which cooperative working relationships between the Commission and such organizations may be established and maintained."

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Is there any discussion of this resolution?

MR. DOBSON (ICES): Mr. Chairman, before this is moved for adoption, may I speak in my capacity as an observer for ICES?

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): We are glad for you to do so, sir.

MR. DOBSON (ICES): Subject to anything Dr. Tåning has to say, I feel quite sure that the procedure outlined in this resolution will be acceptable to the International Council, and I am entirely in favor of the personal discussion which will be involved between you and the Executive Secretary, and the President of the International Council, which no doubt you will have an opportunity of doing in person if you come to the Amsterdam meeting in October.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Thank you, Mr. Dobson.

Dr. Finn the observer from FAO.

DR. FINN (FAO): Mr. Chairman, in accordance with the statement which I made earlier, I can say that we look forward to collaborating with this Commission, and to render any possible help that we can to its work.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Thank you, Dr. Finn. Is there any further discussion of the resolution before us? The Chair will entertain a motion for its adoption.

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): I so move, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Adoption is moved by the United States.

MR. GUSUE (CANADA): Second.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Seconded by Canada. Is there any discussion? This resolution is rather important. I suggest we take a vote by polling the delegations. The Technical Secretary will poll the delegations to record the vote.

THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY (MR. CHANEY): Canada.

DR. BATES (CANADA): Agreed.

THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY (MR. CHANEY): Denmark.

DR. TÅNING (DENMARK): Agreed.

THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY (MR. CHANEY): Iceland.

DR. FRIDRIKSSON (ICELAND): Agreed.

THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY (MR. CHANEY): United Kingdom.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Agreed.

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THE TECHNICAL SECRETARY (MR. CHENEY): United States.

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): I take it, gentlemen, in adopting your resolution, which constituted the meat of the report of the ad hoc Committee, that we have in fact adopted the report of the Committee, and we can proceed to the next item on our agenda. That is the designation of an Executive Secretary pro tempore, to serve until June 30, 1951.

You will recall that the Commission, at an earlier executive session, agreed to the appointment of Dr. William Robert Martin, of Canada, to serve as Acting Executive Secretary for the period July 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952. Following the conclusion of this meeting, and until Dr. Martin enters on duty, there will be various secretarial functions to carry on, which will require the services of an interim secretary.

One of the most important items, of course, is the sending out of requests for financial contributions of Governments, which will be about May 1st. There will be other items, such as formally transmitting reports of this meeting to Governments, and so forth.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Mr. Chairman, I understand that this is by no means an easy and simple task, but that the United States Government will be prepared to shoulder the obligations involved. If that is correct, I think all the Commissioners present would wish to thank the United States for shouldering this burden, which I think is very generous of them. I shall be happy to move that the United States be so asked to operate.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Thank you, Mr. Dobson. The United States Government, I understand, is willing to assume this obligation, and will suggest, if it be agreeable to the Commission, that Mr. Richard Wheeler, who has served us through this first meeting of the Commission as Secretary General, carry on the interim secretarial functions until Dr. Martin assumes office. I assume Mr. Wheeler is willing to do so. Without objection, then, Mr. Wheeler will serve as acting secretary pro tempore until June 30, 1951.

DR. BATES (CANADA): I think, Mr. Chairman, the members of the other delegations should like to associate themselves with Mr. Dobson of the United Kingdom in thanking the United States for this gracious act, and in particular in thanking Mr. Wheeler, not only for what he has done for this meeting here, but the subsequent meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Thank you, Dr. Bates.

Well, we come to the point of considering where we go next year for our meeting; the time and place of the Second annual meeting. Dr. Bates.

DR. BATES (CANADA): Mr. Chairman, as to the next meeting of this Commission, since it is intended that the site be, at least in a temporary way, in Canada, until the other ratifying Governments have had a chance to ratify and become full members of this Commission and have full voice in this Commission, I should recommend that, if possible, the meeting place be kept outside of either St. John's, Newfoundland or Halifax, Nova Scotia, since any decision to meet in either of these places might be taken to prejudice the decision, or recommendation rather, that has to be made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman at the next meeting.

Accordingly, I should suggest we meet outside both those points. The ideal place, no doubt, is now to meet at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, where there is a substantial hotel, and where the Commission, for the first time, may get a smell of real salt water in the North-west Atlantic Convention Area.

However, that hotel being a summer hotel, it is not open all the year around. It is open around the 10th of June, and I should like to put before the Commissioners that suggestion, that if the meeting could be held some time in the early part of June, from the 10th onwards, that that might be a desirable place. I think it might be discussed among the Commissioners with perhaps a decision being left to the Chairman of the Commission. It would be made somewhat later in the year, but, meanwhile, some discussion of that locus might be desirable.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much, Dr. Bates. Does anyone wish to discuss Dr. Bates' suggestion that the second meeting of the Commission be held in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, possibly during the early part of June?

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): My colleague, Mr. Sargent, agrees with me that that would be an ideal place and time. I hope it will meet with general approval.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Any comments from our friends from the other side of the Atlantic with reference to Dr. Bates' suggestion?

CAPTAIN AUDIGOU (FRANCE): I think, speaking for my own country, sir, I should like very much for this meeting to be held at St. Andrews at that time of the year especially.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much, Captain Audigou. Are there any other observations? May we have a motion, perhaps along the line of Dr. Bates' suggestion, that we have the next annual meeting at St. Andrews in early June, the exact date perhaps to be fixed by the Chairman, in consultation with the Commissioners from Canada?

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): I so move, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The United States moves that we fix the site of the next meeting at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, the exact date to be determined later by the Chairman, in consultation with the Commissioners of Canada.

Do I hear a second?

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Second.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The motion is seconded by the United Kingdom.

Is there any further discussion?

Will all those in favor please say "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Opposed?

The motion is adopted, and we shall have our next meeting in Canada, possibly at St. Andrews, in early June.

The next item on the agenda is the form of the Chairman's Report for the second meeting. We have prepared and handed out to the Commissioners, their advisers, and the observers, an outline of the Report of the Chairman on the First Meeting. You will recall that Section 8(g) of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, required that the Chairman prepare, following each annual meeting, a report on the meeting which shall constitute an authoritative record of what has transpired.

Obviously, since we have dealt this afternoon with many matters that will have to be embodied in that report, it is not feasible to prepare a full draft of the report for presentation to you, and review, at the present time. While the Rules of Procedure do not call for any review of this report prior to signature and distribution by the Commission, I feel that it is only fair and appropriate to submit to you an outline of what the report will contain, for your suggestions and observations. Accordingly an outline of the report has been prepared for your consideration.

It is our plan that the report will be quite brief, containing a paragraph or two, possibly, in summarization of the various items in the outline, with, of course, the complete text of any resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Commission during the meeting.

We may run down through the outline.

The first item is, "Origin and Development of Commission". A brief historical outline of the events that led up to the convening of the Plenipotentiary Conference in 1949 was considered appropriate, and we plan to insert possibly about a page or a little more on that subject, just to give a little historical framework. The time and place of the meeting will

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be noted, and there will be a full list of the Contracting Governments and organizations represented; a list of the participants; a brief mention of the substance of the welcoming address by Under Secretary Webb and the response; the reports of the Credentials and Nominations Committees; the election of officers; adoption of the agenda; appointment of the various ad hoc Committees, and details of the assignments to those Committees; then the report of the Drafting Committee; adoption of the Rules of Procedure; acceptance of the Rules of Procedure for Panels; reports of the ad hoc Committee on Finance and Administration, which dealt with budget, the site of the Commission, the Executive Secretary, and related matters; adoption of Financial Regulations, which refers to the regulations which we adopted to govern the financing of the Commission, and the handling of finances by the Executive Secretary.

No. 18 of the outline, of course, is the adoption of the formal resolutions presented by the ad hoc Committee on Finance and Administration, relating to budget, headquarters, and Executive Secretary.

No. 19 will contain a brief résumé of the manner in which it was decided that the accounts of the Commission would be audited.

No. 20 would contain a summarization of the report of the ad hoc Committee on Research and Statistics.

Then, No. 21 would give the dramatis personae of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, and Research and Statistics.

Item 22 is the reports of those Committees, which we have considered at this meeting today.

No. 23 would contain a digest of the minutes of the five Panel meetings--pardon me. No. 23 would contain information on the composition of the Panels and the Chairmen.

No. 24 would be a digest of the reports.

No. 25 would contain the Committee Report on Relations with other international organizations, which we dealt with this afternoon; and No. 26 would be the resolution.

And then, No. 27 would deal with headquarters; No. 28 with the Executive Secretary; No. 29 with the time and place of the Second Annual Meeting; No. 30 with publicity; No. 31 with final statements; and No. 32 the printed report.

Now, we will append to this report various appendices, in order to make this report, which will be published, a basic reference volume for the Commission. There is method in our madness in so doing, because in this way we can get various basic things into print without taxing the Commission's funds, so, as long as the United States Government will assume the printing obligation as part of its obligation to convene and pay the costs of the first meeting, we might as well get a little reference volume printed for us that will contain things we will need later.

We have indicated various appendices which will go in the report:

- I - the text of the Convention;
- II - the Final Act of the 1949 Conference;
- III - the list of participants at this meeting;
- IV - the agenda of this meeting;
- V - the agenda for the Panels;
- VI - the Rules of Procedure for the Commission;
- VII - the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Panels for Sub-areas 1, 3, 4, and 5;
- VIII - the Financial Regulations of the Commission;
- IX - the text of resolutions presented by the Committee on Finance and Administration, one dealing with budget, one with the Working Capital Fund, and the third with the headquarters and Acting Secretary;
- X - the proposed general long-term research program for Sub-area 1, which was presented by the Commissioners from Denmark;
- XI - the verbatim texts of the communications from the Director General of FAO; the President of ICES.

I believe we did intend to include also the text of the communications from the Premier of Newfoundland--oh, they are in the report. The text of the very generous offers of the Government of Newfoundland, and Memorial University at St. John's, and Dalhousie University at Halifax will appear in the body of the report.

It is very difficult, of course, to ask this group to buy a report only from this very sketchy menu, but I would like for you to make any comments that you might choose to consider appropriate.

May I say that we plan to complete this report within the next day or two, whereupon, if any of you are still in Washington, copies will be placed in your hands. If not, we will mail them to you direct. We shall send the report to the printer as soon as possible. However, we would like to have from each of you any comments, observations, or suggestions concerning the text of the report, which we will take into consideration, if we get them early enough--before the report goes to the printer--and if not, in revising the printer's proof.

May I say that we will welcome your suggestions and observations. While the preparation of the report, and submission of the report is the duty of the Chairman, it really is the Commission's report, and I desire that all of you be satisfied with what we do print.

Are there any suggestions or observations concerning the proposed report of the Chairman?

DR. BATES (CANADA): To us; Mr. Chairman, that is, to my colleague Mr. Gushue and myself, the report as outlined here certainly is a very complete skeleton, and we are confident that you and your assistants will round this out into a very valuable document.

We agree with you that it is highly desirable to have the thing printed in the first instance, and to have as wide a distribution as possible. We are much indebted to the United States for offering this distribution. We, on our side, I think, would like to take the fullest advantage of that offer, and perhaps we might be excused a little if we do not decide today how many copies we need, but check with our distributing agencies in the Department in Ottawa as to the number of copies that we should like, because I am sure that they, like ourselves, will wish a fairly substantial number, and get as wide distribution as possible.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much, Dr. Bates.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): May I associate myself entirely with the remarks of Dr. Bates?

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you, Mr. Dobson.

I believe you all now have before you a copy of a draft press release which has been prepared, and is now placed before you for approval before release to the press. During this meeting the Chairman has had many telephone calls from the press inquiring as to what has been going on, and he has been very much on the defensive in saying, "Well, it isn't our

policy to give statements to the press during the meetings which are executive, but we shall, on the final day, issue a press release".

The issuance of a final press release has become the custom in another similar international organization, namely, the International Whaling Commission.

In order that we may consider this press release, I am going to suggest that the Secretary General read it, paragraph by paragraph, pausing at the end of each paragraph for any suggestions or observations that any of the Commissioners, their advisers, or the observers might wish to make.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (DR. THEEBER): It is listed a DOC/43:

"PRESS RELEASE"

"The First Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which convened at Washington, D.C. on April 2, 1951, concluded its work at a final plenary session on April 10, 1951. The following Governments and International Organizations were represented:

"Contracting Governments:

Canada
Denmark
Iceland
United Kingdom
United States

"Non-Ratifying Governments:

France
Italy
Norway
Portugal
Spain

"International Organizations:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the
United Nations
International Council for the Exploration of
the Sea"

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Dr. Bates.

DR. BATES (CANADA): It seems to me that in that press release the reference to Non-Ratifying Governments might be unfortunate. We do know, and today our colleague from Portugal mentioned, that his country may ratify at a very early date. I would be inclined to suggest, therefore, that a distinction between those who, perhaps by accident, as it were, have ratified at this particular point, and other who, again by accident, may not quite

have fulfilled their ratification, should not be emphasized; that, rather, they be described as Observer Governments, or some other explanation given.

As it stands here, it might appear as if it would be interpreted to mean that these countries had no intention of ratifying, and I think that would be an unfortunate inference for any newspaper man to make. Perhaps you might have a word from the observers from the so-called Non-Ratifying Governments on this point, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Captain Audigou.

CAPTAIN AUDIGOU (FRANCE): Yes, I was going to say, Mr. Chairman, that the words "Non-Ratifying" are not really the words I should like to see in such a document.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): I believe the choice is a bit unfortunate. May we agree that we will change the "Non-Ratifying Governments" to read "Observer Governments"? Will that be satisfactory?

CAPTAIN AUDIGOU (FRANCE): Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you.

Captain Colonna.

CAPTAIN COLONNA (ITALY): I would like to see the words "Non-Ratifying" stricken from the first page, but then I am afraid some parts of the press release will become rather obscure, because there will be no explanation of why some countries are not included in panels.

I haven't read the whole thing through, but one way to resolve the question might be to insert a line or two in the last paragraph of page 2, where it says, "These signatory countries will likewise be represented on other appropriate Panels upon deposit of instruments of ratification by their respective governments". Then we might go on and say that such instruments--such ratification--is pending, and in line with the expression of views of some observers will be effected in the near future, or some other phrase which I leave to you.

DR. BATES (CANADA): Mr. Chairman, following the suggestion of our colleague from Italy, I wonder whether, in the first paragraph, some reference might not be made to the original Act of two years ago, and a list of the signatories given, and then mention that the Governments which have fulfilled this to date are so and so, and leave it there, the Governments which have ratified at this particular stage; that other ratifications are pending, or words to that effect.

Would that be the easiest way to introduce it?

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): I think that is a good suggestion. Then that could make unnecessary the later insertion which Captain Colonna has suggested.

Would such an insertion in the early part of the press release, such a revision as Dr. Bates has indicated, meet your points, Captain Colonna?

CAPTAIN COLONNA (ITALY): Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): Paragraph 2 reads:

"The Commission elected United States Commissioner Hilary J. Deason, Chief, Office of Foreign Activities, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, as Chairman of the Commission, and the United Kingdom Commissioner A.T.A. Dobson, Fisheries Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as Vice-Chairman. These officers will serve for a term of two years. The Commission appointed William Robert Martin, Biologist in charge of Groundfish Investigations at the St. Andrews Biological Station of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, as the Acting Executive Secretary for the period July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952. Mr. Richard S. Wheeler, of the U.S. Department of State, will carry out the duties of the Executive Secretary until Dr. Martin assumes office."

DR. BATES (CANADA): I wonder if I might suggest, Mr. Chairman, in the description of Dr. Martin, "Biologist in charge of Groundfish Investigations", whether it wouldn't be enough to say, "Senior Biologist at the St. Andrews Biological Station"?

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Yes. Is there any other observation on that paragraph? If not, you may proceed, Mr. Wheeler.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): "The Commission established Standing Committees on Finance and Administration, and Research and Statistics. These Committees are chaired by Mr. J. Howard MacKichan of Canada and Dr. A. W. H. Needler of Canada respectively. The Committee on Finance and Administration is to advise the Commission on matters of budget, headquarters, personnel and the functions of the Secretariat. The Committee on Research and Statistics is to keep research in the various countries under review and advise the Commission as to research and statistical methods. Research and statistical programs are to be carried out by agencies of the various Member Governments."

DR. BATES (CANADA): I'm sorry that I seem to be more vocal this afternoon, but I wonder whether we should make the point, at the top of page 2, that the Committee on Research and Statistics is to keep research in the various countries under review. It is to do more than that; it is to coordinate the research programs of the various countries. Would that be a clearer exposition, "to coordinate" or "help coordinate the research programs"? I feel that the phrase "under review" is just a little negative.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): I agree with you, Dr. Bates.

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That is copied directly from the phrase in the Rules of Procedure.

Might we broaden that, if the Chair may venture a suggestion to achieve the objective, to deleting the word "keep" in the second line, and say, "...is to advise concerning and coordinate research...?"

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): Actually, Mr. Chairman, the Committee would recommend coordination.

DR. BATES (CANADA): Recommend the coordination of research programs in the various countries?

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): That is all right. Would you be willing to retain the phrase "advise the Commission as to research and statistical methods" as an addition?

DR. BATES (CANADA): It is not so much statistical methods.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Statistical programs, rather.

DR. BATES (CANADA): It is the collection of improved statistics, isn't it--more adequate statistics?

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Mr. Knollenberg.

MR. KNOLLENBERG (UNITED STATES): Mr. Dahlgren has a suggestion which seems to me worth bringing to the Commission. Could we have the floor?

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Mr. Dahlgren.

MR. DAHLGREN (UNITED STATES): Mr. Chairman, strictly speaking, it would be my interpretation that it would not be the function of this body to review and advise on statistical methods. It would be better to say "in the collection of statistics and in the development of research procedures," or something of that sort.

DR. BATES (CANADA): I propose, Mr. Chairman, that we take these suggestions and leave it to the Chairman and Secretary to incorporate the sense of them in the final press release.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): I shall be glad to do so. I think this paragraph will have to be rephrased considerably, in order to take these comments into consideration.

If there are no further comments on that paragraph, may we proceed to the next one.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WHEELER): Paragraph 4:

"In order to carry out the objectives of the Convention, the Meeting established Panels for each of the five sub-areas

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of the Convention Waters of the Northwest Atlantic. These Panels will be responsible for keeping under review the fisheries of each sub-area and the scientific and other information relating thereto, reporting to the Commission the findings and recommendations of each Panel. The representation on the Panels, as well as the names of the Chairmen elected to serve, are as follows:

"Panel for Sub-Area 1 (West and South of Greenland)

Chairman: B. Dinesen (Denmark)

Member Countries: Denmark

United Kingdom

"Panel for Sub-Area 2 (Off the Labrador Coast)

Member Country: Canada

"Panel for Sub-Area 3 (Newfoundland Coast and Grand Banks)

Chairman: Raymond Gushue (Canada)

Member Countries: Canada

United Kingdom

"Panel for Sub-Area 4 (Banks off Nova Scotia and New Brunswick)

Chairman: J. Howard MacKichen (Canada)

Member Countries: Canada

United States

"Panel for Sub-Area 5 (Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank)

Chairman: Francis W. Sargent (United States)

Member Countries: Canada

United States

"Organization of the Panel for Sub-area 2 was deferred pending deposit of additional instruments of ratification by signatory governments. These signatory countries will likewise be represented on other appropriate Panels upon deposit of instruments of ratification by their respective governments. The Panel for Sub-area 5 considered in detail the status of the fisheries within the sub-area and present problems regarding the haddock fishery. It requested that fishery biologists of Canada and the United States assemble further scientific information for definitive consideration at the next meeting of the Panel to be held about September 1951."

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): As an aside, may the Chairman ask a Commissioner from the Province of Newfoundland whether he approves of the manner in which the Chairman has

been instructing the Secretary General in the correct pronunciation of "Newfoundland"?

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): Mr. Chairman, having been a member of the Committee on Credentials, I am afraid it would make it impossible for me to speak. My credentials are from the Government of Canada.

The word "Newfoundland" is pronounced, for your information, sir, and that of the Commission--if you will just remember--it is "Newfoundland".

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): There is a point with regard to the description of the panel for Sub-area 3, "Newfoundland Coast and Grand Banks". There are several other important banks in that area, such as the Green Banks, St. Pierre Banks, and so on, and it might be better to say, "Newfoundland and other Grand Banks Areas".

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you. What the drafters were striving for here was some general descriptive term other than latitude and longitude, which might enable the newspapers and the general public to understand just where these various Sub-areas are located.

Did you have a comment, Mr. Castleman?

MR. CASTLEMAN (UNITED STATES): Yes, I think that the paragraph below the description of the membership in the panels--in that paragraph the words "be represented" might be clarified in order to indicate the different type of representation that would be available to the participants upon ratification.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Mr. Dobson.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Have you disposed of the matter of signatory governments and non-signatory governments? I gather somebody raised an objection to setting out the governments under the panels, because they were so few. I don't want to tinker with this--I am quite content--but you could just make the suggestion, at the end of paragraph 2, on page 2, where the words appear, "The representation on the Panels, as well as the names of the Chairmen elected to serve, are as follows:"--well, you could say there, "The representation on the panels will not be completed, pending the deposit of additional instruments of ratification by signatory governments. The panels, with their chairmen, are as follows:" and then cut out the member countries.

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Then you could, in the last paragraph, simply say,
"Organization of the Panel for Sub-area 1 was deferred."
and then run straight on to Panel 5.

I don't know--if they are all content it is all right,
but I want to be helpful. But I wasn't sure. Isn't it a
little bit naked to put out these isolated countries? The
only way to do it would be to cut them out and then say they
can't be completed until the signatory governments deposit
additional instruments of ratification.

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THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): The Chairman concurs, personally, in the suggestion of the Commissioner from the United Kingdom.

DR. BITES (CANADA): One other point, Mr. Chairman, in this paragraph beginning "In order to carry out the objectives of the Convention"--up to this point no mention has been made of what the objectives are. I think that is the most important part of the whole press release. It happens to be omitted up to this stage: I would like to refer to the suggestion I made earlier, that in paragraph 1, we refer back to the 1949 Convention and its purposes. I should like to make sure--I think the other Commissioners would like to be sure--that in that first paragraph the whole objectives of this body were set out.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): The Chair will give a charge to Messrs. Castleman and Taylor to assure that the objectives and purposes of the Convention are set out.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): I was wondering, Mr. Chairman, if also in the latter part of page 2, down towards the bottom of the last paragraph, reference could be made to the fact that--after all, this is for the press--further ratifications may be expected in the near future. The representative from Portugal has indicated that his government had come to such a decision during the course of recent meetings. He is not here at the moment, but the indication was made quite clearly. Perhaps that might be checked with him.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): Of course, while I agree with the gentlemen from Canada, we also have similar indications from one or two other countries that ratifications may come through momentarily.

MR. GUSHUE (CANADA): Yes, we expect it shortly from several governments, and in the case of one, the decision was taken during the Commission meeting. That could be checked with the Portuguese observer, as to whether he wants it indicated at the moment.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DELSON): To continue with paragraph 5.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. WEBER): "The Meeting, which was largely organizational in character, established a budget for its first year of full operations, beginning July 1, 1951, of \$26,500. Contributions to this budget by contracting governments are primarily on the basis of representation on the respective Panels. The Commission also considered the question of its relationship with other international organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in order to insure that functions and activities do not overlap or duplicate each other and that full advantage is taken of existing operations."

MR. GUSPUE (CANADA): I think it might add a little to that paragraph if there were a reference made to cooperation of these two named organizations.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): In other words, what you suggest is a more precise paraphrasing of the resolution or portion of the resolution we adopted earlier this afternoon. I believe that would be appropriate.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL (MR. FREELER): Final paragraph:

"The Commission agreed, for the time being, to establish its headquarters in Canada, with temporary headquarters at the St. Andrews Biological Station of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, St. Andrews, New Brunswick. An offer of headquarters space was received from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, but the Commission decided that a headquarters site in Canada would constitute a more effective site in relation to the area covered by the Convention. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in accordance with the instructions of the Commission, will investigate and consider the offers made by the Government of Newfoundland and Memorial University, St. Johns, Newfoundland, and Dalhousie University at Halifax, Nova Scotia as possible sites for permanent headquarters, and report their findings at the Second Meeting of the Commission which is scheduled to be convened at St. Andrews, New Brunswick about June 10, 1952."

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Are there any observations on the final paragraph?

May I take it then that if this press release is revised in accordance with the comments made by the Commissioners and the observers as it was read, that we may proceed without objection to its issuance as soon as we can get it out.

The Chair would like at this time to impose upon his auditors for a few general remarks.

As we near the end of the First Annual Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, we find that we have fully accomplished all that has been set out for us to do at this time. In many ways we have accomplished more. The establishment of a new organization, especially one international in character, often involves some initial difficulty. Such difficulty stems from the failure of some of the participants to realize the distinction between an international body and a conference convened for the purpose of resolving various interests of member governments. From the very first day, the Commissioners have worked as a bona fide international body. They have worked with a unity of purpose basing their actions and deliberations solely upon their duties and responsibilities as set forth in the international convention.

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We have appreciated the attendance and active participation at the sessions and committees of the Observers from governments who have not yet ratified the Convention and from FAO and ICES. As I said at an earlier session, we all realize that the delay in ratification by some governments in no way signifies that the interest of those governments in the Convention and the conservation of the fisheries of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean has diminished between the time of the signing of the Convention and the present date. We know that the interest of all governments who signed the Convention remains as firm as ever and that unrelated technicalities only have delayed ratification. I hope that the actions taken by the Commission at its First Meeting have been the same as if we had been privileged to have the votes of all ten countries cast rather than the votes of only the five who have ratified. We have undertaken certain basic work, such as adopting Rules of Procedure and financial regulations that are to stand for the life of this international body save only for such amendment as may be made from time to time in the light of changed circumstances and increased experience.

At the next annual meeting, I sincerely hope that we shall have ten voting Delegations seated around the conference table.

In adopting certain resolutions and recommendations, the Commission has wisely seen to it that the officers and the standing committees have work to do between now and future meetings of the Panels and the next annual meeting of the Commission. This is as it should be, for we cannot accomplish the objectives of the Commission by meeting once a year and forgetting our duties and responsibilities until immediately before the next annual meeting, when we race frantically to gather together a few papers and ideas to bring to bear upon the business of the meeting. We have created a live organization that exists and functions every day of the year. I sincerely hope that not only the officers and members of the standing committees will be cognizant of their continuing responsibilities but that all members of the Commission and of the Panels will share those responsibilities. I hope that we may have a free exchange of correspondence and ideas with one another throughout the year so that when we come together in the Panels or at the next annual session of the Commission, we will have an even more closely integrated and dynamic organization than we have today.

As you all know, this is the first time in the history of international cooperation in fisheries that an international body has been established in advance of serious crises in the resources. Usually, international action is not undertaken until catastrophe is imminent. We have with us in the area healthy fisheries for the most part, with some limited problems requiring attention. May we hope that we shall, through our research and deliberations, be able to anticipate any future major problems and crises and be prepared to deal with them in advance of any

happenings that will affect seriously the future of the resources or the industry dependent thereon and the food supply derived from them. The population of the world is ever increasing, and as the years go by we shall have a growing responsibility to insure that the resources of the sea which we use for food, and other products essential to the existence of man, may continue to produce at optimum levels.

Thank you very much for listening to me.

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Mr. Chairman, might I be allowed to express, on behalf of the Commissioners, our admiration of the able and charming way in which you have presided over this meeting, and have guided us through what might have been somewhat troubled waters. We are very much obliged to you, and we shall not readily forget the privilege we have had of attending this first meeting.

But I want, in addition to that, just to pick up one or two remarks that have fallen from different delegates as to the way in which this meeting has been organized.

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It is almost invidious to mention names, but I would like to say how much we appreciate the services of Mr. Wheeler and his assistant, Miss Frances Leibel, and the Technical Secretary, Mr. Chaney. So far as I am concerned personally, I was immensely grateful to Mrs. Trenary. I was immensely grateful to her for the document which removed all my difficulties in a slight second.

Then there are also two other groups, what we call in England the backroom boys and girls, almost too numerous to mention, but I know they have had a very hard time. They have produced the goods without a fraction of delay.

Finally, there are the ladies who served at the reception desk, and I don't think anybody could have wished for greater courtesy and willingness to help us on every occasion. I hope, if they are not all present here, that you will take an early opportunity of conveying to them how much all the Commissioners feel that we owe a debt to all of them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much, Mr. Dobson. I am quite sure that the Secretariat appreciates your very kind remarks.

Is there further business to come before the Commission?

DR. BATES (CANADA): Perhaps one last word, Mr. Chairman. I think all delegations will associate themselves with what Mr. Dobson of the United Kingdom has said so gracefully. But one other point, I would hope that, as we left here, we could convey to our colleagues from the non-ratifying countries that we do most sincerely hope to see them here at the next meeting of the Commission in their full capacity, making the full contribution that we know they can make.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): I am quite sure that Dr. Bates has voiced the sentiments of all of us. We do hope that all of you will be with us next year as full participants.

CAPTAIN AUDIGOU (FRANCE): May I read a short statement?

THE CHAIRMAN: Glad to have you do so.

CAPTAIN AUDIGOU (FRANCE): On behalf of my Government, and in my own name, I wish to thank you, the Chairman of this Commission and the Commissioners, who gave the observers the possibility to follow the discussions and voice their own opinion, not only in the plenary sessions but also in the executive sessions and committees. I wish to congratulate you all for the splendid job you have done during this session of the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): Thank you very much, Captain Audigou. Is there any further business? Before we adjourn I should call your attention to another matter of procedure. Unless there is objection, the proceedings of

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the Commission will not be made available to the public before 48 hours after the adjournment of this meeting. The Chair now will entertain a motion for adjournment of the First Annual Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

MR. SARGENT (UNITED STATES): I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The United States has moved adjournment. Do I hear a second?

MR. DOBSON (UNITED KINGDOM): Second.

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The United Kingdom seconds.

All those in favor please say "aye".

(Chorus of "ayes".)

Opposed, "no".

THE CHAIRMAN (DR. DEASON): The meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 3:50 o'clock p.m., the First Annual Meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries was adjourned.)

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