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Two meetings of Panel 3 were held at 2:30 p. m. on 4 July and 9:30 a. m. on 8 July, 1952. Canada, United Kingdom and the two new panel members, Spain and the United States, were represented by Commissioners supported by advisers. Observers were present from France, Norway, Portugal and F. A. O.

The reports "Canadian Groundfish Research in Areas 3 and 2" by Dr. W. Templeman (Document XI) and "Observations made during May 1951 in the Newfoundland Region aboard the oceanographic ship 'President Theodore Tissier'" by P. Desbrosses (Document Vf.) were read and deposited.

The need for investigations in Subarea 3 was discussed. Dr. Templeman referred to the difficulty in sampling such a vast fishery. United States, United Kingdom, Spanish, Portuguese and French delegates expressed their interest in investigation and their desire to co-operate in any general research program which may be agreed upon.

The importance of good statistics as a first step in a research program was emphasized and governments were encouraged to assist the secretariat with statistics insofar as possible.

It was noted that both the Commission as a whole and the Panels can contribute to the development of a general research program and to the division of effort in carrying through the requisite investigations.

The first meeting was adjourned to await a decision from the Commission concerning the best approach in dealing with research in the Convention area.

At the second meeting the Panel expressed its pleasure at the action by the Commission on the matter of a general research program and action concerning the sharing of investigations was deferred until a more definite framework for general research is established.


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Chairman.