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The Chairman in calling the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. said it was convened to consider Documents IV and XV.

It was stated that Document IV referred to the meeting of Panel 5 held at Ottawa on February 26 and 27, 1952. The Chairman read the recommendation III 1 to v for establishing mesh regulation for the haddock fishing in Sub-area 5 and then directed attention to a recommendation of the Committee on Research and Statistics that the mesh size in recommendation 1 be changed from $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches to $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The Chairman put the question - Are you as Commissioners prepared to accept the recommendation III 1 to v of Panel 5, as amended by the Committee on Research and Statistics? Following a suggestion by Mr. Sargent as to the need for legal advice on regulation drafting, the Chairman directed a poll of the Contracting Governments on a resolution that these regulations be accepted in principle subject to the appointment of a small committee to deal with drafting. All Contracting Governments agreed in principle.

The Chairman proposed that the drafting committee be constituted as follows:

Dr. Kask - United States
Mr. Gushue - Canada
Mr. Lund - Norway

All Contracting Governments, on being polled, agreed.

The Chairman invited attention to the recommendations by Panel 5 for a haddock research programme. He read the recommendation IV 1 to vii inclusive. He then read recommendation 11 on page 2 of the First Report of the Committee on Research and Statistics - Document XV. Following discussion the Contracting Governments were polled on the following resolution:

RESOLVED that recommendation IV, 1 to vii, of Panel 5 be accepted in the light of the recommendation by the Research Committee No. 11 of Document XV.

On being polled, all Contracting Governments agreed.

Commander T. de Almeida (Portugal) enquired as to the method to be followed in determining violation of these regulations. The Chairman took note of the question and stated it would be preferable to defer a reply until the regulations were re-drafted.

The Chairman then brought up for consideration the remainder of the recommendations in Document XV - First Report of Committee on Research and Statistics, Recommendations 10 and 11 having been dealt with as above. Recommendations 1 to 9 were read, approval asked for and individually polled with the following results: Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 agreed.

Recommendation 4 agreed, as amended, to read as follows: That the Commission's Statistician be requested to review the situation regarding conversion factors in close cooperation with FAO and ICES and make a progress report to the Research and Statistics Committee at the Third Annual Meeting of the Commission.

Recommendation 5 was agreed to after being amended by the insertion in the eighth line after the word "findings" of the words "at the Third Annual Meeting" in lieu of the words "next year".

Recommendation 6 was agreed after being amended to insert in the fourth line after the word "report" the words "at the Third Annual Meeting" in lieu of the words "in a year's time".

Recommendation 7 was agreed.

Recommendation 8 was agreed after being amended to delete the word "annually" in the fourth line.

Recommendation 9 was agreed after being amended by changing "us" in the fourth line to "the Committee on Research and Statistics".

Rules of Procedure

The Chairman referred to the small panel - Mr. Knollenberg, Mr. Bates and himself - who had been looking at the Rules of Procedure to see if any Rule required amendment. Since the panel had met, he had found that Rule 20 was not quite clear and he proposed to add the words "at meetings" after the words "do so" in the fourth line. But the Rule as drafted did not deal with the language in which reports should be sent in to the Commission. The Chairman felt this was not covered by the existing Rule. He would not like to put the point on next year's agenda unless he had an indication of the views of the Commissioners. All Contracting Governments,

except Spain, stated reports would be submitted in English. Spain wished to abstain from making a definite statement. A note was taken of the Spanish point of view and the matter was left to be dealt with when the agenda for the Third Annual Meeting came to be prepared.

Adjournment was moved by the United Kingdom and seconded by the United States.

