

ing, analysing and disseminating statistical data, for example concerning catch, fishing effort, and other information,

- b) to work out proposals with regard to co-ordination of scientific research in the Convention area,
 - c) to prepare and submit recommendations based as far as practicable on results of the scientific research and concerning measures referred to in Article X for consideration of the Contracting States.
2. In implementing its functions, the Commission shall, when appropriate, seek the services of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and of other international technical and scientific organizations and shall make use of information provided by the official bodies of the Contracting States.
 3. To perform its functions the Commission may set up working groups or other subsidiary bodies and determine their composition and terms of reference.

ARTICLE X

Measures relating to the purposes of this Convention which the Commission may consider and in regard of which it may make recommendations to the Contracting States are:

- a) any measures for the regulation of fishing gear, appliances and catching methods,
- b) any measures regulating the size limits of fish that may be retained on board vessels or landed, exposed or offered for sale,
- c) any measures establishing closed seasons,
- d) any measures establishing closed areas,
- e) any measures improving and increasing the living marine resources, including artificial reproduction and transplantation of fish and other organisms,
- f) any measures regulating and/or allocating between the Contracting States the amount of total catch or the amount of fishing effort according to objects, kinds, regions and fishing periods,
- g) any measures of control over the implementation of recommendations binding on the Contracting States,
- h) any other measures related to the conservation and rational exploitation of the living marine resources.

ARTICLE XI

1. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Contracting States undertake to give effect to any recommendation made by the Commission under Article X of this Convention from the date determined by the Commission, which shall not be before the period for objection provided for in this Article has elapsed.
2. Any Contracting State may within ninety days from the date of notification of a recommendation object to it and in that event shall not be under obligation to give effect to that recommendation.

A Contracting State may also at any time withdraw its objection and give effect to a recommendation.

In the event of an objection being made within the ninety-days period, any other Contracting State may similarly object at any time within a further period of sixty days.

3. If objections to a recommendation are made by three or more Contracting States, the other Contracting States shall be relieved forthwith of any obligation to give effect to that recommendation.
4. The Commission shall notify each Contracting State immediately upon receipt of each objection or withdrawal.

ARTICLE XII

1. Each Contracting State shall take in regard to its nationals and its vessels appropriate measures to ensure the application of the provisions of this Convention and of the recommendations of the Commission which have become binding for the Contracting State and in case of their infringement shall take appropriate action.
2. Without prejudice to the sovereign rights of the Contracting States in regard to their territorial sea and to the rights in their fishing zones, each Contracting State shall implement recommendations of the Commission binding on that State through its national authorities, within its territorial sea and in the waters under its fisheries jurisdiction.
3. Each Contracting State shall furnish to the Commission at such time and in such form as may be required by the Commission, the available statistical data and information referred to in Article IX paragraph 1 (a), as well as information on all actions taken by it in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE XIII

The Commission shall draw the attention of any State which is not a party to this Convention to such fishing operations, undertaken by its nationals or vessels in the Convention area, which might affect negatively the activities of the Commission or the implementation of the purposes of this Convention.

ARTICLE XIV

The provisions of this Convention shall not apply to operations conducted solely for the purpose of scientific investigations by vessels authorized by a Contracting State for that purpose, or to fish and other marine organisms taken in the course of such operations. Catch so taken shall not be sold, exposed or offered for sale.

ARTICLE XV

1. The Commission shall co-operate with other international organizations having related objectives.
2. The Commission may extend an invitation to any international organization concerned or to the Government of any State, not a party to this Convention, to participate as an observer in the sessions of the Commission or meetings of its subsidiary bodies.

ARTICLE XVI

1. Each Contracting State may propose amendments to this Convention. Any such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Depository Government and communicated by it to all Contracting States, which shall inform the Depository Government about either their acceptance or rejection of the amendment as soon as possible after the receipt of the communication.

The amendment shall enter into force ninety days after the Depository Government has received notifications of acceptance of that amendment from all Contracting States.