

3. The Commission may establish working arrangements with any other international organisation which has related objectives.

ARTICLE 15

1. Without prejudice to the rights of Contracting Parties in regard to waters under their fisheries jurisdiction, the Contracting Parties shall take such action, including the imposition of adequate sanctions for infractions, as may be necessary to make effective the provisions of this Convention and to implement any recommendation which becomes binding under Article 12.

2. Each Contracting Party shall transmit to the Commission an annual statement of the actions it has taken pursuant to paragraph 1.

ARTICLE 10

1. Each Contracting Party shall inform the Commission of its legislative measures and of any agreements which it may have concluded, in so far as those measures and agreements relate to the conservation and utilisation of fishery resources in the Convention Area.

2. Each Contracting Party shall furnish on the request of the Commission any available scientific and statistical information needed for the purposes of this Convention and such additional information as may be required under Article 9.

ARTICLE 17

1. (Each Contracting Party shall pay the expenses of its own delegation to all meetings held under this Convention.

2. At its first meeting the Commission shall adopt a budget for its first financial year. At this meeting the Commission may also, as appropriate, adopt a budget for the second financial year.

3. At each annual session the Commission shall adopt a budget for the following financial year and a budget estimate for the financial year following thereafter. A draft budget and draft budget estimate shall be submitted by the President of the Commission to the Contracting Parties not less than 40 days before the meeting of the Commission at which they are to be considered.

4. The Commission shall determine the contributions due from each Contracting Party under the annual budgets according to the following formula:

- (a) one-third of the budget shall be divided equally among the Contracting Parties,
- (b) two-thirds of the budget shall be divided among the Contracting Parties in proportion to their nominal catches in the Convention Area, on the basis of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea definitive catch statistics for the calendar year ending not more than 24 and not less than 18 months before the beginning of the budget year,
- (c) however, the annual contribution of any Contracting Party which has a population of less than 300,000 inhabitants shall be limited to a maximum of 5 % of the total budget. When this contribution is so limited, the remaining part of the budget shall be divided among the other Contracting Parties in accordance with subparagraphs (a) and (b). This rule shall be effective for the first five budget years of the Commission and thereafter it shall be subject to annual review by the Com-

mission which may change it by a decision adopted by a three-fourths majority of all Contracting Parties.

5. The Commission shall notify each Contracting Party of the contribution due from that Party as determined under paragraph 4 and of the date as determined by the Commission by which this contribution shall be paid.

6. The contribution of a Contracting Party which has acceded to this Convention during the course of a financial year shall, in respect of that year, be a part proportional to the number of complete months remaining in the year of the annual contribution calculated in accordance with paragraph 4.

7. Contributions shall be payable in the currency of the country in which the Office of the Commission is located.

8. A Contracting Party which has not paid by the date determined by the Commission its contributions for two years shall not enjoy the right of casting votes and of making objections under this Convention until it has fulfilled its obligations, unless, at the request of the Contracting Party concerned, the Commission decides otherwise.

9. The Commission shall adopt rules for the conduct of its financial affairs.

ARTICLE 18

By a qualified majority the Commission may sub-divide the Convention Area into regions and may alter the boundaries and vary the number of regions provided that the decision receives the affirmative vote of each Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction in any part of the area affected.

ARTICLE 19

1. Any Contracting Party may propose amendments to this Convention. Any such proposed amendment shall be sent to the Secretary at least 90 days prior to the meeting at which the Contracting Party proposes it to be acted upon. The Secretary shall transmit the proposal immediately to the Contracting Parties.

2. The adoption of a proposed amendment requires a three-fourths majority of all Contracting Parties. The text of any proposed amendment so adopted shall be transmitted by the Commission to the Depository which shall forthwith forward it to the Contracting Parties.

3. An amendment shall take effect for the Contracting Parties 120 days following the date of the notification by the Depository of receipt of written notification of approval by three-fourths of all Contracting Parties, unless any other Contracting Party notifies the Depository, within 90 days of the date of the notification by the Depository of such receipt, that it objects to the amendment, in which case the amendment shall not take effect for any Contracting Party. A Contracting Party which has objected to an amendment may at any time withdraw its objection. If all objections to an amendment are withdrawn, the amendment shall take effect for the Contracting Parties 120 days following the date of the notification by the Depository of receipt of the last withdrawal.

4. A Party which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to this Convention after an amendment has been adopted in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be deemed to have approved the said amendment.