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REPORT OF THE SECOND CONSULTATIVE MEETING
OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Antarctic Treaty, Representatives of the signatory states (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, United States of America, France, Japan, Norway, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, South Africa and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) gathered in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1962, for the purpose of discussing and recommending to their Governments measures in furtherance of the principles and objectives of the Treaty.

2. Ambassador Dr. PABLO SANTOS MUÑOZ was appointed provisional Chairman of the Meeting by the Government of the Argentine Republic, to act in that capacity until a Chairman was appointed by the Meeting.

3. The Meeting was officially inaugurated by His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Dr. BONIFACIO DEL CARRIL.

4. Subsequently, Dr. PABLO SANTOS MUÑOZ was elected Chairman of the Meeting and Dr. ERNESTO DE LA GUARDIA, an Official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, was appointed as Secretary. Dr. ANTONIO PINI was appointed Assistant Secretary.

5. The Heads of all Delegations delivered opening statements.

6. The Meeting adopted the following Agenda:

- 1) Opening Session.
- 2) Election of Officers.
- 3) Preliminary statements.
- 4) Adoption of the Agenda.
- 5) Approval of the Rules of Procedure.

- 6) Measures to ensure the exchange of the results and data of scientific observations carried out in Antarctica.
 - 7) Measures for the protection and conservation of living resources and exchange of information on the subject.
 - 8) Arrangement for radio communications.
 - 9) Exchange of information in accordance with the provisions of Art. VII, paragraph 5.
 - 10) Exchange of information regarding logistic activities.
 - 11) Exchange of information regarding the carrying out of the proposed Antarctic activities.
 - 12) Administrative facilities for incoming and outgoing samples, specimens and scientific instruments.
 - 13) Support for the International Year of the Quiet Sun.
 - 14) Implementation of the Recommendations of the First Consultative Meeting.
 - 15) Place and date of the next Meeting.
 - 16) Other matters.
 - 17) Adoption of the Final Report of the Meeting.
7. The Meeting then adopted as Rules of Procedure those of the First Consultative Meeting, with amendments as regards the Spanish text. The Rules of Procedure are included herein as Annex "A".
8. In Plenary Sessions and in Committee of the Whole, the Meeting discussed all items on the Agenda, and appointed Working Groups to facilitate decisions with regard to points 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 of the Agenda. These Working Groups included in each case Representatives of all Delegations who wished to participate.
9. The Opening and Closing Plenary Sessions of the Meeting were public. Other sessions were private.
10. The Meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the following recommendations:

II - I

The Representatives recommend to their Governments that, in accordance with Article III of the Antarctic Treaty and in the light of recommendations made by SCAR, they take measures contributing to:

1. The completion by July 1, 1963, or as soon thereafter as practicable, of the transmission by scientific organizations to the recognized international data gathering centres of scientific observations carried out in Antarctica from 1957 until 1959 inclusive, and 1960 if possible.
2. (a) The free availability and exchange, by all appropriate means, of scientific observations and results, in every scientific discipline, obtained by expeditions in any part of Antarctica;

(b) the prompt transmission, preferably within a year of the receipt in each country of the data from Antarctica, of such observations and results to the recognized international data gathering centres, where ~~such~~ centres exist.
3. (a) The free availability of published results of Antarctic research carried out since the beginning of the International Geophysical Year;

(b) the transmission to the recognized international data gathering centres, before July 1, 1963, of such publications already issued;

(c) the transmission to these centres of future publications within two months of their issue or as soon thereafter as practicable.

II - II

Recalling and reaffirming Recommendation I-VIII of the First Consultative Meeting, and expressing their conviction that the general rules attached to that Recommendation should be scrupulously observed.

The Representatives recommend to their Governments that:

- a) they collect and exchange information on the measures which they have adopted for the protection of living resources in the Antarctic;
- b) they promote the further exchange and evaluation of information about the existing state of living resources in the Antarctic;
- c) they consult together with a view to the establishment, in an appropriate form and at an early date, of effective and internationally agreed measures on this subject;
- d) these consultations should take into account the rules attached to Recommendation I-VIII of the First Consultative Meeting, the recommendations made on this subject by SCAR, the proposal submitted by the Delegation of the United Kingdom in Document P.3 to the Second Consultative Meeting, and the views expressed by Delegations in the discussion of this item;
- e) in the course of the meetings held to prepare the Third Consultative Meeting they undertake the task of formulating, on the basis of the principles enunciated above, the draft text of measures on this subject to be submitted to that Consultative Meeting with a view to its approval and recommendation to Governments.

II - III

The Representatives, taking into consideration Recommendation I-XI of the First Consultative Meeting concerning Antarctic radio communications, recommend to their Governments that the proposed meeting of specialists in Antarctic radio communications should take place between May 1 and August 31, 1963 on a date and at a place to be fixed.

II - IV

In accordance with Article VII paragraph 5 of the Antarctic Treaty, the Representatives recommend to their Governments that they should endeavour to furnish prompt and full information regarding their Antarctic activities as listed in Recommendation I-VI of the First Consultative Meeting, and within the time limits indicated in that Recommendation.

II - V

The Representatives recommend to their Governments that in view of Recommendation I-VII of the First Consultative Meeting designed to achieve one of the objectives of the Antarctic Treaty, namely the creation of conditions necessary for carrying out scientific investigation, and in view of the logistic symposium organized by SCAR which is soon to take place:

- a) a meeting or symposium of experts should be held, to review the present state of knowledge acquired on the organization of expeditions, logistic support and transport, in order to evaluate such knowledge;
- b) consultations be held during the preparations for the next Consultative Meeting to fix a suitable date, place, organization and agenda for such meeting or symposium.

II - VI

The Representatives recommend to their Governments that they report through diplomatic channels, as soon as possible, and in any case prior to June 30 of each year, on any extensions, reductions or other modifications in the development of the activities previously reported in accordance with Article VII paragraph 5 of the Antarctic Treaty, and Recommendation I-VI of the First Consultative Meeting.

II - VII

The Representatives recommend to their Governments that, in order better to implement Articles II and III of the Antarctic Treaty and Recommendations I-I and I-II of the First Consultative Meeting, they should make appropriate arrangements:

- a) to expedite the execution of administrative procedures required by their Laws, regulations and binding international agreements that apply to shipments of samples, specimens, records and scientific instruments related to Antarctic scientific research;
- b) to provide proper care in the handling of this type of shipments.

II - VIII

The Representatives recommend to their Governments that they should encourage, by whatever means they consider appropriate, international cooperation and the interchange of scientific personnel, observations and results, in connection with their respective national programmes of Antarctic scientific investigation and research associated with the International Year of the Quiet Sun (1964-65).

II - IX

The Representatives recommend to their Governments:

- a) that they take the necessary steps to examine as soon as possible, in conformity with their legal and constitutional procedures, the recommendations adopted by any Consultative Meeting and that they take a decision on such recommendations as they find themselves able to approve as soon as possible after such recommendations have been officially communicated to them by the Government which was the host for the Consultative Meeting concerned;
- b) that if they find themselves unable to give early approval to one or more of the recommendations of a Consultative Meeting, they should signify their approval of the remaining recommendations, whether separately or as a group, as soon as they are able to do so.

II - X

The Representatives recommend that their Governments accept the offer made by the Delegation of Belgium, to the effect that the Third Consultative Meeting under Article IX of the Antarctic Treaty be held in Brussels.

This Meeting will be held on a date to be decided upon by agreement among the participating Governments.

11. With reference to Recommendation II-X, the Chilean delegation expressed the hope that in the near future the Consultative Meeting will recommend to the Governments that the sessions referred to in Article IX of the Antarctic Treaty be held every two years, on the date considered most appropriate, without prejudice to advancing these dates or convening extraordinary sessions should circumstances render it advisable.

12. The Final Report of the Meeting was unanimously adopted on July 28, 1962; the Leaders of the Delegations or their representatives made closing speeches, following which the Meeting was closed.



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RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING
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The following Rules of Procedure were adopted on 10 July:

1961:

1. The meetings held pursuant to Article IX of the Antarctic Treaty shall be known as Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings.

Representation

2. Each participating government shall be represented by a delegation composed of a Representative and such Alternate Representatives, Advisers and other persons as each state may deem necessary. Their names shall be communicated to the host government prior to the opening of the Meeting.
3. The order of precedence of the delegations shall be in accordance with the alphabet in the language of the host government.

Officers

4. A representative of the host government shall be the Temporary Chairman of the Meeting and shall preside until the Meeting elects a Chairman.
5. At its inaugural session, a Chairman shall be elected. The other representatives shall serve as Vice-Chairmen of the Meeting in order of precedence. The Chairman normally shall preside at all plenary sessions. If he is absent from any session or part thereof, the Vice-Chairman rotating on the basis of the order of precedence as established by Rule 3, shall preside during each such session.

Secretariat

6. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Meeting on the proposal of the Chairman. The Secretary shall be responsible for providing secretarial services, and shall carry out such other tasks as the Meeting may require or direct.

Sessions

7. The opening plenary session shall be held in public; other sessions shall be held in private, unless the Meeting shall determine otherwise.

Committees and Working Groups

8. The Meeting, to facilitate its work, may establish such committees as it may deem necessary for the performance of its functions, defining their terms of references.
9. The committees shall operate under the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting, except where they are inapplicable.
10. Working groups may be established by the Meeting or its committees.

Conduct of Business

11. A quorum shall be constituted by two-thirds of the representatives participating in the Meeting.
12. The Chairman shall exercise the powers of his office in accordance with customary practice. He shall see to the observance of the rules of procedure and the maintenance of proper order. The Chairman, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Meeting.
13. No representative may address the Meeting without having previously obtained the permission of the Chairman. The Chairman shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The Chairman may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.
14. During the discussion of any matter, a representative may rise to a point of order and the point of order shall be decided immediately by the Chairman in accordance with the rules of procedure. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the Chairman. The appeal shall be put to a vote immediately, and the Chairman's ruling shall stand

unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative rising to a point of order shall not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

15. The Meeting may limit the time to be allotted to each speaker, and the number of times he may speak on any subject. When debate is thus limited and a representative has spoken his allotted time, the Chairman shall call him to order without delay.
16. During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.
17. A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately. If the Meeting is in favour of the closure, the Chairman shall declare the closure of the debate. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule. (This rule shall not apply to debate in committees).
18. During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the suspension or the adjournment of the Meeting. Such motions shall not be debated, but shall be put to the vote immediately. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed to the speaker moving the suspension or adjournment of the Meeting.
19. Subject to rule 14, the following motions shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the Meeting:
 - (a) to suspend the Meeting;
 - (b) to adjourn the Meeting;
 - (c) to adjourn the debate on the item under discussion;
 - (d) for the closure of the debate on the item under discussion.

20. Decisions of the Meeting on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the representatives participating in the Meeting, each of whom shall have one vote.

Languages

21. English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the official languages of the Meeting.
22. Any representative may speak in a language other than the official languages. However, in such cases, he shall provide for interpretation into one of the official languages.

Recommendations and Final Report

23. The recommendations formulated by the Meeting shall be approved by all of the representatives present and shall be set forth in the final report.
24. The final report shall also contain a brief account of the proceedings of the Meeting. It will be approved by a majority of the representatives present and shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Meeting to all governments entitled to participate in the Meeting, for their consideration.

Amendments

25. These Rules of Procedure may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the representatives participating at the Meeting. This rule shall not apply to Rule 23, amendment of which shall require the approval of all the representatives present at the Meeting.