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FINAL REPORT OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL ANTARCTIC  
TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Representatives of the Consultative Parties (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, the People's Republic of China, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay) met in Rio de Janeiro on 5 October 1987.

Having regard to Part I of the Final Report of the 1st Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, the Meeting considered in Plenary Session the notifications and information received from the Governments of the German Democratic Republic and of the Republic of Italy about their activities in Antarctica and decided as follows:

The Representatives of the Consultative Parties:

Recalling that the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Italy acceded to the Antarctic Treaty in accordance with ~~the~~ Article XIII on 19 November 1974 and 18 March 1981 respectively;

Noting that on 14 July 1987 the German Democratic Republic transmitted to the Government of the United States of America, as Depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty:

- a notification that the German Democratic Republic considered itself entitled to appoint Representatives in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2, of the Treaty to participate in the Meetings referred to in Article IX, paragraph 1, of the Treaty;
- a declaration that the German Democratic Republic

will abide by the Recommendations adopted by all the Consultative Parties at their previous Consultative Meetings; that it intends to approve these Recommendations; and that it is ready to consider approval of the other Recommendations that have not yet become effective;

- information relating to the contents and targets of the Antarctic research activities of the German Democratic Republic, its co-operation with Consultative Parties, the location and technical parameters of its Antarctic Station and the content and targets of its future Antarctic expeditions.

Noting that on 22 April 1987 the Government of the Republic of Italy transmitted to the Government of United States of America, Depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty:

- a notification that the Government of the Republic of Italy considered itself entitled to appoint Representatives to participate in the Meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1, of the Antarctic Treaty;
- a declaration that the Government of the Republic of Italy will abide by Recommendations adopted by all Consultative Parties at their previous Meetings and that it will give active consideration to Recommendations that have not yet become effective.

Noting also that on 16 July 1987 the Government of the Republic of Italy transmitted to the Government of the United States, Depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty:

- information relating to its activities in Antarctica describing the grounds upon which the Government of the Republic of Italy considers itself entitled to

participate in the meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1, of the Antarctic Treaty.

Noting that the Government of the German Democratic Republic and the Government of the Republic of Italy subsequently clarified through the Depositary Government, their intention to approve the recommendations of previous Consultative Meetings which have become effective;

Noting that the German Democratic Republic had established in 1976 a year-round research base in the eastern part of the Schirmacher Oasis in Queen Maud Land, lat 70° 46' S long 11° 50' E; that it had declared it intended to convert the research base into the Antarctic Station "George Forster" in October 1987; that the research base had a complement of 4 and an overwintering complement of 8; that for the realization of its biological programme it disposes of a refuge at Ardley Island near Braillard Point, lat 62° 13' S, long 58° 55' W, established in March 1981; that scientific programmes had been undertaken in the following disciplines: Meteorology, Geodesy, Glaciology, Gravimetry, Geomagnetism, Physics of the Antarctic upper atmosphere, Geology, Geomorphology, Hydrology, Isotope Research, Environmental Research, Biology, Medicine and Bioclimatology;

Noting that the Republic of Italy had established during the summer 1986/87 an Antarctic base in Terra Nova Bay (Ross Sea, Victoria Land) along the coast of the Northern Foothills, North-East of Gerlache Inlet, lat 74° 41' 42" S, long 164° 07' 23" E; that the station had an assumed standard capacity for 24 people, with possibility to accommodate up to 48 exceptionally; that at its first Antarctic expedition (1985/86) the Republic of Italy had undertaken programmes in the following disciplines: Geomorphology, Structural Geology, Volcanology, Geomagnetism, Biological Sciences and Meteorology, followed in the second expedition (1986/87) by programmes mainly in the same disciplines, with the exception of Volcanology and addition of Cosmology, Oceanography, Environmental impact monitoring and solar radiation.

Noting that the German Democratic Republic intends

to continue its scientific programmes during its first completely independent Antarctic expedition from October 1987 in the following disciplines: isotope and environmental research, Geomagnetism, Meteorology, Ionosphere, Biology and Geology; had declared it intends to develop a long-term scientific programme of Antarctic research.

Noting that the Republic of Italy intends to continue its scientific programmes in the following disciplines for the 1987/88 expedition: Biology and Medicine, Oceanography, Cosmophysics, Environmental impact and Earth Sciences.

Recognizing that the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Italy, on the basis of the scientific programmes they have undertaken, the stations they have established and their future intentions, thereby demonstrate their interest in Antarctic in accordance with Article IX paragraph 2 of the Antarctic Treaty;

Having ascertained in accordance with Article X of the Antarctic Treaty, on the basis of the information provided about scientific expeditions and investigations being carried out at their stations, that the activities of the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Italy are in accordance with the principles of the Treaty;

Record their acknowledgement that the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Italy have fulfilled the requirements established in Article IX, paragraph 2, of the Antarctic Treaty and that, as a consequence, they are entitled during such time as they continue in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2, of the Treaty to demonstrate that interest, to appoint Representatives to participate in the Consultative Meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1, of the Treaty; and hereby warmly welcome the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Italy as participants in such Meeting.