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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES RESEARCH

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STATUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES RESEARCH

Article I - PURPOSES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purposes and terms of reference of the Committee shall be:

- (a) to study and advise the Director-General on the formulation and execution of the Organization's Programme of Work in respect of all aspects of fisheries research including conservation and management of marine and inland fishery resources, increasing fish productivity through enhancement of wild resources and through aquaculture, improving the means of converting fishery resources into human food, and the study of the dynamics of fishing communities and the socio-economic consequences of government fishery policies. Special attention will be provided to the fisheries aspects of oceanographic research and to the impacts of environmental change on the sustainability of fisheries;
- (b) by agreement between the Director-General and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), of Unesco, and in accordance with Resolution 15 adopted at the Second Session of the IOC, also to act as the advisory body to that Commission on the fishery aspects of oceanography.

Article II - MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below the Committee shall consist of not more than thirteen fisheries experts appointed by the Director-General in their personal capacity.¹ Members of the Committee shall be selected by the Director-General on the basis of their expert knowledge, after consultations with FAO Members, intergovernmental and other organizations and bodies concerned with fisheries research, taking into account the need for representation by region and by subject-matter.
- (b) Should it seem advisable, following consultations between FAO and IOC, the Director-General may, on the basis of recommendations by the Bureau of IOC, appoint one or two additional members, in accordance with Resolution 15 referred to in Article I(b).

¹ The current policy of the Organization is that not more than eight members should participate in expert group meetings.

(c) Members of the Committee shall be appointed for a period of up to four years and shall be eligible for reappointment. Appointment to fill vacancies on the Committee shall be effected in the same manner as the original appointments. When a vacancy occurs due to resignation, death, disability or other reasons, the terms of office of the new appointee shall be for the remainder of the term of office of the member who is being replaced.

Article III - REPORTING

The Committee shall submit to the Director-General reports on its activities and recommendations so as to enable the Director-General to take them into account when preparing the draft programme of work and budget of the Organization and other submissions to the Conference and Council. The Director-General shall bring to the attention of the Conference through the Council any recommendations of the Committee which have policy implications or which affect the programme or finances of the Organization, and will ensure appropriate circulation of such reports and recommendations.

Article IV - SUBSIDIARY BODIES

The Committee may establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the accomplishment of its tasks, subject to the availability of the necessary funds in the relevant Chapter of the approved Budget of the Organization.

Article V - EXPENSES

- (a) The expenses incurred by members of the Committee when attending sessions of the Committee shall be borne by the Organization in accordance with its travel regulations.
- (b) The expenses incurred by observers² attending a session of the Committee shall be borne by their respective organizations.
- (c) The expenses of the Committee's Secretariat shall be borne by the Organization.

Article VI - RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Committee may adopt and amend its own Rules of Procedure which shall be in conformity with the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization and with the Statement of Principles governing commissions and committees adopted by the Conference. The Rules of Procedure and amendments thereto shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General.

Article VII - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The Committee may propose amendments to these Statutes. Such proposals shall be transmitted to the Director-General for consideration and approval.

² The current policy of the Organization is that observers should not be invited to participate in expert group meetings.