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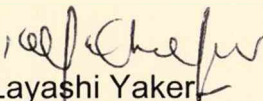
Geneva, 28 November 1997

Dear Vice-Chair,

With reference to the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee in Cape Town on 10 November 1997, I have the pleasure to send you, attached, the draft report of this meeting (IWCO/EC/25).

Furthermore, I also send you the updated list of addresses of the members of the Commission (IWCO/12/Rev.15, Revised December 1997).

Yours sincerely,

  
Layashi Yaker  
Secretary General.

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Executive Meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Cape Town  
10 November 1997

IWCO/EC/25

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### Draft Report

#### 1. Opening

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Dr. Mário Soares, who welcomed the participants present. Vice-Chairman Kader Asmal welcomed the participants on behalf of the host country, acknowledging the substantial support received from the governments of India and Brazil and the European Union. (List of participants is attached as Annex I).

#### 2. Agenda

The agenda was adopted without modification (Agenda is attached as Annex II).

#### 3. Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EC (Rhode Island)

The Secretary General presented the Draft Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting held in Rhode Island on 5 June 1997 (IWCO/EC/22), which was adopted without modification.

#### 4. Progress Report

It was decided to concentrate on financial matters since the report on activities of the Commission and its Secretariat would be discussed at the Plenary. The Treasurer, in reviewing the Draft Budget and Funding Plan for 1995-1998 (IWCO/EC/24/rev.1), highlighted the additional contributions received from the European Community, the governments of India and Brazil and from donors in Saudi Arabia, UNESCO/IOC, OPEC Fund and a pledge by UNDP. In response

to questions, he reported that the outstanding contributions related with the Rhode Island Session had not yet been received.

#### 5. Arrangements for the Fifth Session of the Commission

Vice-Chairman Kader Asmal reported on arrangements for the Fifth Session of the Commission in Cape Town. The Executive Secretary reported on preparation of the Final Report (IWCO/31/Rev.1 as amended) and suggested a programme of work and procedures for consideration of the draft report during the session. After a preliminary exchange of general views on the draft report, the suggested programme was approved.

#### 6. Planning of the Sixth (Final) Session

The Coordinator reported on preparations for the Sixth Session of the Commission in Lisbon (IWCO/32) from 31<sup>st</sup> August to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1998. The Chairman also drew attention to the UN international youth conference to be held in Lisbon at the time of that session, during which he is planning to present major outcomes from the work of the Commission to the youth gathering and the Ministers of Youth Affairs present at the conference.

#### 7. Submission of Recommendations to the United Nations General Assembly

The Chairman reported on his visit jointly with the Coordinator and the Executive Secretary to the United Nations on 4 November 1997. His meeting with Kofi Annan confirmed the support of the Secretary-General of the work of the IWCO. Furthermore, a 'club of friends of the IWCO' has been formed in New York consisting, for the time being, of the Permanent Representatives of Angola, Brazil, Chile, Fiji, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Portugal, Saudi Arabia and South Africa. On 10 October 1997 they



have submitted an information note on the IWCO to the Secretary-General which, on 14 October, has been circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea). This 'club' may further grow, as the Chairman addressed on that day, 30 Permanent Representatives of States represented in the Commission by a member acting on a personal basis, and will in 1998 submit the Final Report and Recommendations of the Commission to the United Nations General Assembly for its consideration.

#### 8. Next meeting of the Executive Committee

The Secretary General indicated that the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Meeting was scheduled to be held in Rabat (Morocco). It is hoped that in the light of progress achieved during the Fifth Session (Cape Town), the final text of the Draft Report be adopted for printing. The dates for this meeting have now been set from 3 to 5 February 1998.

#### 9. Closing

As there was no other business left to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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**Annex I**

**Executive Committee  
7<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Cape Town  
10 November 1997**

**IWCO/EC/Inf.16****Provisional List of Participants**

Mário Soares	Chairman
Abdelmohsen M. Al-Sudeary	Vice-Chairman
Kader Asmal	“
Eduardo Faleiro	“
Ruud Lubbers	“
Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares	(replacing J. Vargas)
Guido de Marco	Vice-Chairman
Mário Ruivo	Coordinator
Salvino Busuttil	Treasurer
Sidney Holt	General Editor

**Ex Officio Members**

Layashi Yaker	Secretary General
Jean-Pierre Lévy	Executive Secretary

**Secretariat**

Peter Sand	Consultant
Jan van Ettinger	Senior Officer
Thomas Ganiatsos	“
Lydia Beauquis	Secretary

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Brazilian Committee

## Annex II

Executive Committee  
7<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Cape Town  
10 November 1997

IWCO/EC/23

## Agenda

1. Opening
2. Adoption of the Agenda (IWCO/EC/23)
3. Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EC (Rhode Island) (IWCO/EC/22)
4. Progress Report  
- Budget and funding plan '95 -'98 (IWCO/EC/24/Rev.1)
5. Arrangements for the Fifth Session (Cape Town)  
- Draft of the Final Report of the Commission (IWCO/31/Rev.1  
(and Addendum 1))
6. Planning of the Sixth (Final) Session (Lisbon) (IWCO/32)
7. Submission of Recommendations to the United Nations  
General Assembly (1998).
8. Next meeting of the EC (Rabat, 28-30 January 1998)
9. Closing