13. The Commission shall authorize the disbursement of funds for the joint expenses of the Commission and may employ personnel and acquire facilities necessary for the performance of its functions.

## ARTICLE III

1. The Commission shall perform the following functions:

(a) provide for scientific studies and for coordinating the collection, exchange and analysis of scientific data regarding anadromous species, including data regarding the continent of origin of these species, and provide a forum for cooperation among the Contracting Parties with respect to these species;

(b) pending the establishment of an international organization as referred to in Article IV, provide a forum for cooperation among the Contracting Parties with respect to the study, analysis and exchange of scientific information and views relating to the stocks of non-anadromous species of the Convention area, including information and views relating to all relevant factors affecting these stocks, the promotion of scientific research designed to fill gaps in knowledge and the compilation and dissemination of statistics and records;

(c) recommend, when necessary, amendment of the Annex to this Convention;

(d) coordinate scientific studies to determine the continent of origin of anadromous species migrating in the waters south of 46° North Latitude, and following three years of such studies make recommendations if appropriate in accordance with sub-paragraph (c) above relating to the conservation of salmon of North American origin;

(e) consider and make proposals to the Contracting Parties concerning the enactment of schedules of equivalent penalties for violations of this Convention which occur outside the 200 nautical mile fishery zone of any Contracting Party;

(f) compile and study the records provided by the Contracting Parties pursuant to Article VIII;

(g) submit annually to each Contracting Party a report on the Commission's operations, investigations and findings, with appropriate proposals, and inform each Contracting Party, whenever it is deemed advisable, on any matter relating to the implementation of this Convention;

(h) consider the results of reviews undertaken by the Contracting Parties pursuant to Article XI and make proposals as appropriate.

2. In the performance of its functions, the Commission shall, insofar as feasible, utilize the technical and scientific services of, and information from, official agencies of the Contracting Parties and their political sub-divisions and may, when desirable and if available, utilize the services of, and information from, any public or private institution or organization or any private individual.