

- (r) approve the accounts for the past budgetary period;
- (s) adopt or amend its own rules and procedures, financial regulations and other internal administrative regulations as may be necessary to carry out its functions;
- (t) provide the Secretariat for the AIDCP, taking into account the provisions of Article XIV, paragraph 3 of this Convention;
- (u) establish such subsidiary bodies as it considers necessary;
- (v) adopt any other measure or recommendation, based on relevant information, including the best scientific information available, as may be necessary to achieve the objective of this Convention, including non-discriminatory and transparent measures consistent with international law, to prevent, deter and eliminate activities that undermine the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

2. The Commission shall maintain a staff qualified in matters pertaining to this Convention, including administrative, scientific and technical areas, under the supervision of the Director, and ensure that it shall include all personnel needed for the efficient and effective application of this Convention. The Commission should seek the most qualified staff available, and give due consideration to the importance of recruiting staff on an equitable basis to promote broad representation and participation of the members of the Commission.

3. In considering guidance for the program of work on scientific matters to be addressed by the scientific staff, the Commission shall consider, *inter alia*, the advice, recommendations, and reports of the Scientific Advisory Committee established pursuant to Article XI of this Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings of the Commission

1. The ordinary meetings of the Commission shall take place at least once a year, in such location and on such date as the Commission agrees.