

ARTICLE IV

The commission is entrusted with the following functions:

- (a) on the basis of scientific and practical research to submit proposals to the contracting parties with regard to, inter alia, sealing and the conservation of the seal stocks, national quotas, opening and closing dates, humane hunting methods and the prevention of cruelty or suffering to the animals,
- (b) to submit proposals to the contracting parties with regard to the establishment of inspection and control procedures required to ensure the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this agreement,
- (c) to submit proposals to the contracting parties concerning scientific research to be undertaken jointly or separately with respect to sealing and the conservation of the seal stocks, or concerning the co-ordination of such research.

ARTICLE V

The contracting parties undertake as far as possible to supply the commission with such information of a statistical, practical and scientific nature as the commission deems necessary for its work.

ARTICLE VI

Each contracting party shall bear the costs of its participation in the commission and of its scientific research.

Expenditures incurred in joint research projects and other joint expenditures shall be shared between the parties, as may be agreed in accordance with Article VII, following upon proposals of the commission.

ARTICLE VII

The proposals of the commission concerning conservation measures, other measures to regulate sealing activities, scientific research, the sharing of the expenses of joint research or other joint expenditures, and the extension of this agreement to other species, shall be submitted to the contracting parties for their approval and shall be binding upon them following such approval.

Approved proposals of the commission with regard to conservation measures and other measures to regulate sealing shall be put into effect by the parties not later than two months following approval, unless the parties agree otherwise.

ARTICLE VIII

Each contracting party undertakes to put into effect and enforce such measures as may be necessary to implement this agreement.