(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.

2. The Commission may also hold extraordinary meetings when deemed necessary. These meetings shall be convened at the request of at least two of the members of the Commission, provided that a majority of the members support the request.

3. The meetings of the Commission shall be held only when a quorum is present. Quorum is reached when two-thirds of the members of the Commission are present. This rule shall also apply to meetings of subsidiary bodies established under this Convention.

4. The meetings shall be held in English and Spanish, and the documents of the Commission shall be produced in both these languages.

5. Members shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from, unless otherwise decided, different Parties to this Convention. Both officials shall be elected for a period of one (1) year and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE IX. DECISION MAKING

1. Unless provided otherwise, all decisions made by the Commission at meetings convened pursuant to Article VIII of this Convention shall be by consensus of members of the Commission present at the meeting in question.

2. Decisions on adoption of amendments to this Convention and its annexes, as well as invitations to accede to the Convention pursuant to Article XXX, paragraph (c) of this Convention, shall require consensus of all Parties. In such cases, the Chairman of the meeting shall ensure that all members of the Commission have the opportunity to express their views on the proposed decisions, which the Parties shall take into account in reaching the final decision.

3. The consensus of all the members of the Commission shall be required for decisions on:

   (a) the adoption and amendment of the Commission's budget, and those that determine the form and proportion of the contributions of the members;

   (b) the issues referred to in Article VII, subparagraph (l) of paragraph 1 of this Convention.

4. With respect to decisions referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, if a Party or member of the Commission, as the case may be, is absent from the meeting in question and has not sent a notification in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Article, the Director shall notify such Party or member of the decision taken at the meeting. If, within thirty (30) days of the receipt by the Party or member of such notification, the Director has not received a response from such Party or member, that Party or member shall be deemed to have joined the consensus on the decision in question. If, within such 30-day period, such Party or member replies in writing that it cannot join the consensus on the decision in question, the decision shall have no effect, and the Commission shall seek to reach consensus at the earliest opportunity.

5. When a Party or member of the Commission that was not present at a meeting notifies the Director, in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article, that it cannot join the consensus on a decision taken at that meeting, that member shall not be able to oppose consensus on the same issue if it is not present at the next meeting of the Commission at which that issue is on the agenda.

6. If a member of the Commission is not able to attend a meeting of the Commission due to extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances outside its control:

   (a) It shall so notify the Director, in writing, prior to the start of the meeting if possible or otherwise at the earliest possible opportunity. Such notification shall be effective upon acknowledgement of its receipt by the Director to the member concerned; and

   (b) Subsequently and as soon as possible, the Director shall notify the member of all the decisions taken at that meeting in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article;

   (c) within thirty (30) days of the notice referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, the member may notify the Director in writing that it cannot join the consensus on one or more of these decisions. In such cases, the relevant decision or decisions shall have no effect, and the Commission shall seek to reach consensus at the earliest opportunity.

7. The decisions adopted by the Commission pursuant to this Convention shall be binding for all members forty-five (45) days after their notification, unless otherwise specified in this Convention or agreed when a decision is taken.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission shall establish a Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission, which shall be composed of those representatives designated for this purpose by each member of the Commission, who may be accompanied by such experts and advisers as that member may deem advisable.

2. The functions of the Committee shall be those established in Annex 3 of this Convention.

3. In the exercise of its functions, the Committee may, where appropriate, and with the approval of the Commission, consult any other fisheries management, technical or scientific organization with competence in the subject matter of such consultation and may seek such expert advice as may be required in each case.

4. The Committee shall strive to adopt its reports and recommendations by consensus. If every effort to achieve consensus has failed, the reports shall so indicate, and shall reflect the majority and minority views. At the request of any member of the Committee, the views of that member on all or any part of the reports shall also be reflected.

5. The Committee shall meet at least once a year, preferably on the occasion of the ordinary meeting of the Commission.

6. The Committee may convene additional meetings at the request of at least two (2) of the members of the Commission, provided that a majority of the members support the request.

7. The Committee shall exercise its functions in accordance with such rules of procedure, guidelines and directives as the Commission may adopt.

8. In support of the work of the Committee, the staff of the Commission shall:

   (a) collect the information necessary for the work of the Committee and develop a data base, in accordance with the procedures established by the Commission;

   (b) provide such statistical analyses as the Committee deems necessary for carrying out its functions;

   (c) prepare the reports of the Committee;

   (d) distribute to the members of the Committee all pertinent information, particularly that set out in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 8 of this Article.

ARTICLE XI. SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. The Commission shall establish a Scientific Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of a representative designated by each member of the Commission, who shall have appropriate qualifications or relevant experience in the area of competence of the Committee, and who may be accompanied by such experts or advisers as that member may deem advisable.

2. The Commission may invite to participate in the work of the Committee organizations or persons with recognized scientific experience in matters related to the work of the Commission.

3. The functions of the Committee shall be those established in Annex 4 of this Convention.

4. The Committee shall meet at least once a year, preferably prior to a meeting of the Commission.

5. The Committee may convene additional meetings at the request of at least two (2) of the members of the Commission, provided that a majority of the members support the request.

6. The Director shall serve as Chairman of the Committee or may delegate the exercise of this function subject to the approval of the Commission.