2. The Organisation shall seek to develop cooperative working relationships with other inter-governmental organisations which can contribute to their work and which have an interest in ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of living marine resources in the Convention Area.

3. The Commission may enter into agreements with the organisations referred to in this article and with other organisations as may be appropriate. The Commission may invite such organisations to send observers to its meetings, or to the meetings of any subsidiary bodies of the Organisation.

4. In the application of articles 2 and 3 of this Convention to fishery resources, the Organisation shall cooperate with other relevant fisheries management organisations and take account of their conservation and management measures applicable in the region.

Article 19. COMPATIBILITY OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

1. The Contracting Parties recognise the need to ensure compatibility of conservation and management measures adopted for straddling fish stocks on the high seas and in areas under national jurisdiction. To this end, the Contracting Parties have a duty to cooperate for the purposes of achieving compatible measures in respect of such stocks of fisheries resources as occur in the Convention area and in areas under the jurisdiction of any Contracting Party. The appropriate Contracting Party and the Commission shall accordingly promote the compatibility of such measures. This compatibility shall be ensured in such a way which does not undermine measures established in accordance with articles 61 and 119 of the 1982 Convention .

2. For the purpose of paragraph 1, the coastal States and the Commission shall develop and agree on standards for reporting and exchanging data on fisheries for the stocks concerned as well as statistical data on the status of the stocks.

3. Each Contracting Party shall keep the Commission informed of its measures and decisions taken in accordance with this article.

Article 20. FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

1. In determining the nature and extent of participatory rights in fishing opportunities, the Commission shall take into account, *inter alia* :

(a) the state of fishery resources including other living marine resources and existing levels of fishing effort, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the Scientific Committee;

(b) respective interests, past and present fishing patterns, including catches, and practices in the Convention Area;

(c) the stage of development of a fishery;

(d) the interests of developing States in whose areas of national jurisdiction the stocks also occur;

(e) contributions to conservation and management of fishery resources in the Convention Area, including the provision of information, the conduct of research and steps taken to establish cooperative mechanisms for effective monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement;

(f) contributions to new or exploratory fisheries, taking account of the principles set out in article 6.6 of the 1995 Agreement;

(g) the needs of coastal fishing communities which are dependent mainly on fishing for the stocks in the South East Atlantic; and

(h) the needs of coastal States whose economies are overwhelmingly dependent on the exploitation of fishery resources.

2. In applying the provisions of paragraph 1, the Commission may, *inter alia*:

(a) designate annual quota allocations or effort limitations for Contracting Parties;

(b) allocate catch quantities for exploration and scientific research; and
(c) set aside fishing opportunities for non-parties to this Convention, if necessary.

3. The Commission shall, subject to agreed rules, review quota allocations, effort limitations and participation in fishing opportunities of Contracting Parties taking into account the information, advice and recommendations on the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures by Contracting Parties.

Article 21. RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES IN THE REGION

1. The Contracting Parties shall give full recognition to the special requirements of developing States in the region in relation to conservation and management of fishery resources and the development of such resources.

2. In giving effect to the duty to cooperate in the establishment of conservation and management measures for stocks covered by this Convention, the Contracting Parties shall take into account the special requirements of such developing States, in particular:

(a) the vulnerability of developing States in the region which are dependent on the exploitation of living marine resources, including for meeting the nutritional requirements of their populations or parts thereof;

(b) the need to avoid adverse impacts on, and ensure access to fisheries by, subsistence, small-scale and artisanal fishers and women fishworkers; and

(c) the need to ensure that such measures do not result in transferring, directly or indirectly, a disproportionate burden of conservation action onto developing States in the region.

3. The Contracting Parties shall cooperate through the Commission and other subregional or regional organisations involved in the management of fishery resources:

(a) to enhance the ability of developing States in the region to conserve and manage fishery resources and to develop their own fisheries for such resources; and