(f) identify and advise the Commission on additional indicator species for vulnerable marine ecosystems for which directed fishing shall be prohibited;

(g) establish science-based standards and criteria to determine if bottom fishing activities are likely to produce significant adverse impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems or marine species in a given area based on international standards such as the FAO International Guidelines and make recommendation for measures to avoid such impacts;

(h) review any assessments, determinations and management measures and make any necessary recommendation in order to attain the objective of this Convention;

(i) develop rules and standards, for adoption by the Commission, for the collection, verification, reporting, and the security of, exchange of, access to and dissemination of data on fisheries resources, species belonging to the same ecosystem, or dependent upon or associated with the target stocks and fishing activities in the Convention Area;

(j) to the extent practicable, provide analysis to the Commission of alternative conservation and management measures that estimates the extent to which each alternative would achieve the objectives of any management strategy adopted or under consideration by the Commission; and

(k) provide such other scientific advice to the Commission as it considers appropriate or as may be required by the Commission.

5. The Scientific Committee may exchange information on matters of mutual interest with other relevant scientific organizations or arrangements in accordance with the rules and standards adopted by the Commission pursuant to subparagraph 4(i) above and Article 21.

6. The Scientific Committee shall not duplicate the activities of other scientific organizations and arrangements that cover the Convention Area.

Article 11
Technical and Compliance Committee

1. The functions of the Technical and Compliance Committee shall be to:

(a) monitor and review compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and make recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary; and

(b) review the implementation of cooperative measures for monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement adopted by the Commission and make recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary.

2. The Commission shall decide when the Technical and Compliance Committee shall hold its initial meeting. Thereafter, the Technical and Compliance Committee shall meet, unless the Commission otherwise decides, at least once every two years, and prior to the regular meeting of the Commission.

3. The Technical and Compliance Committee shall make every effort to adopt its reports by consensus. If every effort to achieve consensus has failed, the report shall indicate the majority and minority views and may include the differing views of the representatives of the members on all or any part of the report.

4. In carrying out its functions, the Technical and Compliance Committee shall:

(a) provide a forum for exchange of information concerning the means by which members of the Commission are implementing the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission in the Convention Area and complementary measures in adjacent waters as appropriate;

(b) provide a forum for the exchange of information on enforcement, including enforcement efforts, strategies and plans;

(c) receive reports from each member of the Commission relating to measures that the member has taken to monitor, investigate and penalize violations of provisions of this Convention and measures adopted pursuant to this Convention;

(d) report to the Commission its findings or conclusions on the extent of compliance with conservation and management measures;

(e) make recommendations to the Commission on matters relating to monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement;

(f) develop rules and procedures governing the use of data and other information for monitoring, control and surveillance purposes; and

(g) consider and/or investigate any other matters as may be referred to it by the Commission.

5. The Technical and Compliance Committee shall exercise its functions in accordance with the procedures and guidelines as the Commission may adopt from time to time.

Article 12
Budget

1. Each member of the Commission shall meet its own expenses arising from attendance at meetings of the Commission and of its subsidiary bodies.

2. At each regular meeting, the Commission shall, by consensus, adopt an annual budget