compliance with the provisions of this Convention.

Article 21
Cooperation with Other Organizations or Arrangements

1. The Commission shall cooperate, as appropriate, on matters of mutual interest with FAO, with other specialized agencies of the United Nations and with relevant regional organizations or arrangements, especially with those regional fisheries management organizations or arrangements with responsibility for fisheries in marine areas near or adjacent to the Convention Area.

2. The Commission shall take into account the conservation and management measures or recommendations adopted by regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements and other relevant intergovernmental organizations that have competence in relation to areas adjacent to the Convention Area or in respect of fisheries resources not covered by this Convention, species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent upon or associated with the target stocks, and that have objectives that are consistent with and supportive of the objective of this Convention.

3. The Commission shall seek to develop cooperative working relationships and may enter into agreements for this purpose with intergovernmental organizations that can contribute to its work and have competence for ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of living resources and their ecosystems. It may invite these organizations to send observers to its meetings or those of any of its subsidiary bodies. It may also seek to participate in meetings of these organizations as appropriate.

4. The Commission shall seek to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with other regional fisheries management organizations or arrangements in order to utilize, to the maximum extent possible, existing institutions to achieve the objective of this Convention. In this regard, the Commission shall seek to establish cooperation on enforcement activities with those organizations and arrangements carrying out these activities in the Convention Area.

Article 22
Review

1. The Commission shall organize regular reviews of the effectiveness of its adopted conservation and management measures and compliance therewith in meeting the objective of this Convention. These reviews may include examination of the effectiveness of the provisions of the Convention itself.

2. The Commission shall determine the terms of reference and methodology of these reviews which shall:

   (a) take into account the practice of other regional fisheries management organizations in conducting performance reviews;

   (b) include contributions from the subsidiary bodies as appropriate; and

   (c) include the participation of a person or persons of recognized competence who shall be independent of the members of the Commission.

3. The Commission shall take account of the recommendations arising from any such review and take actions, as appropriate, including the appropriate amendment of its conservation and management measures and the mechanisms for their implementation. Any proposals for amendment to the provisions of this Convention arising from any such review shall be dealt with in accordance with Article 29.

4. The results of any such review and subsequent assessment by the Commission shall be made publicly available as soon as possible following their submission to the Commission.

Article 23
Signature, Ratification, Acceptance and Approval

1. This Convention shall be open for signature at Seoul on 1 April 2012 by the States that participated in the Multilateral Meetings on the Management of High Seas Fisheries in the North Pacific Ocean and shall remain open for signature for twelve (12) months.

2. This Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the Signatories. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Government of the Republic of Korea, which shall be the Depositary. The Depositary shall inform all Signatories and all Contracting Parties of all ratifications, acceptances or approvals deposited and perform such other functions as are provided for in the 1969 *Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties* and customary international law.

Article 24
Accession

1. This Convention shall be open for accession by the States referred to in Article 23, paragraph 1.

2. After the entry into force of this Convention, the Contracting Parties may, by consensus, invite to accede to this Convention:

   (a) other States or regional economic integration organizations whose fishing vessels wish to conduct fishing activities for fisheries resources in the Convention Area; and

   (b) other coastal States of the Convention Area.