

Closing Remarks by Delegation of Japan

Mr. Chairman, I would like to present closing remarks to the 10th Annual Conference on behalf of Japanese delegation.

First and at the very beginning I want to express my cordial gratitude to the Korean Government and its associates for sparing no effort to conduct this year Annual Conference.

Let me also express my respect to our Chair, Mr. Barng, Mrs. Livingstone chairing, Chair of Scientific and Technical Committee meeting, and to our Rapporteur, Mr. Tinkham. You deserve our gratitude for smooth conducting of our proceedings.

Objectives of this Convention has been preservation, management and optimal use of Pollock stock at the Bearing Sea. Achieving these objectives demand cooperation by the Parties.

Unfortunately, at this meeting, in spite of expectations cherished by some Parties, including Japan, we were not able to reach consensus concerning the determination of AHL.

Still, when I was listening to straightforward statements at the meetings, I had the impression that we won here better mutual understanding inevitable to set up of AHL. I find it one of the promising results of our meeting.

Nevertheless, some Parties to the Convention continue with their rigid, traditional approach. We hope that by strengthening cooperation on the Pollock stock research, positions of costal states and fishing states, will be drawn closer.

The Moratorium has been in force for 12 years already. It has brought in its wake tremendous sacrifices on the side of all the fishermen, but produced no results. We need to cooperate in order to achieve as fast recovery of the stock, as it is only possible, but what I want to stress here, is that when we strive for stocks recovery, one would like to expect from the costal states to consider appropriate and suitable conservation and management measures and, providing it is necessary, thoroughly examine strengthening of their applied preservation and management measures.

Now, it is time to say that we wish the Chairman of the next convention meeting, to be held in Poland, a successful leadership.

We are eager to meet together again next year.

Thank you very much.

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**CLOSING STATEMENT
BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Russian Federation Delegation I would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Government of Republic of Korea for arranging and hosting the Tenth Annual Conference. I also would like to extend special thanks to Mr. Barng for serving as chairperson of the annual Conference. Lastly thanks to all of you for fruitful cooperation and energetic participation in the work of the Conference.

The successful and intensive work of all participants of the Conference during the past four days helped us to add up new knowledge of the Central Bering Sea pollock. I would like to emphasize that the length of observation time series in fish stock dynamics studies becomes of special importance. We have entered the next decade of collection and accumulation of all the obtainable information on pollock in the Central Bering Sea following a uniform technique envisaged by the Convention. The database of over ten years helps us to raise significantly the accuracy of simulation, and allows us to select the models most adequate for the aggregations of pollock in the Bering Sea. My belief is that in the very near future we shall be able at last to obtain a clear idea of the prospects regarding pollock in the Donut Hole.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the delegation of Korea for organizing this Conference, to you, Mr. Chairman, for your leadership, rapporteurs, interpreters, and thank you all once again for cooperation at this annual Conference.

Thank you.