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MESSAGE FROM THE TWELFTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING TO
STATIONS IN ANTARCTICA
(Submitted by the Secretariat)

Representatives of the sixteen Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties have just completed two weeks of discussion at the Twelfth Consultative Meeting, held in Canberra and hosted by the Government of Australia.

Two new Consultative Parties, Brazil and India, were accepted at a Special Consultative Meeting held in Canberra before the opening of the Twelfth Consultative Meeting.

Throughout their deliberations, the representatives of the Consultative Parties were mindful that the successful operation of the Antarctic Treaty depended in large part on the continuation of the tradition of peaceful international scientific co-operation established during the International Geophysical Year. The addition of two new Consultative Parties should serve to strengthen scientific co-operation in Antarctica.

As the Antarctic winter draws to a close, all delegations participating in the Twelfth Consultative Meeting extend warmest congratulations to you who, under the most arduous circumstances have contributed to advancing our objectives in Antarctica, and they extend best wishes for a successful summer to all those preparing to go south.