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ITEM 7 : EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE
DESIGNATION OF SITES 1-8 AS SITES OF SPECIAL
SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

(Draft Recommendation and Paragraphs for the
Final Report submitted by the United States)

The Representatives,

Recalling Recommendations VIII-3, VIII-4 and X-6;

Noting that, pursuant to Recommendation X-6, the designation as Sites of Special Scientific Interest of the Sites numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will expire on 30 June 1985, and the designation of Site No. 8 will expire on 31 March 1985, before the probable date of the Thirteenth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, and that the designation of Site No. 7 expired on 30 June 1983;

Desiring that the designation of these sites as Sites of Special Scientific Interest not be allowed to expire before the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) has reviewed the Sites and presented the results of its review to the Consultative Parties;

Noting the intention of SCAR to review all Sites of Special Scientific Interest at the XVIII meeting of SCAR in 1984 and to present the results of its comprehensive review to the Consultative Parties for consideration at the 13th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in 1985.

Recommend to their Governments that:

1. The date of expiry of the following sites should be extended from 30 June 1985 to 31 December 1985:

Site No. 1 : Cape Royds, Ross Island,

Site No. 2 : Arrival Heights, Hut Point Peninsula, Ross Island,

Site No. 3 : Barwick Valley, Victoria Land,
Site No. 4 : Cape Crozier, Ross Island,
Site No. 5 : Fildes Peninsula, King George Island,
South Shetland Islands,
Site No. 6 : Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island,
South Shetland Islands

2. The date of expiry of Site No. 7 : Haswell Island,
should be extended from 30 June 1983 to 31 December 1985.
3. The date of expiry of Site No. 8: Western Shore of
Admiralty Bay, King George Island, should be extended
from 31 March 1985 to 31 December 1985.
4. They use their best endeavours to ensure, in accordance
with paragraphs 3 and 4 of Recommendation VIII-3, that
the management plans of these sites are observed.

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It was noted that the designations of Site Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 would expire on 30 June 1985, and that the designation of Site No. 8 would expire on 31 March 1985, before the probable date of the Thirteenth Consultative Meeting and that the designation of Site No. 7 as a Site of Special Scientific Interest expired on 30 June 1983. The United States delegate circulated for information a message from the President of SCAR, Dr James Zumberge, stating that SCAR had not yet reviewed whether such designations should be allowed to lapse or should be extended, that such a review would be conducted by SCAR and the results presented at the next Consultative Meeting, and that the Conservation Sub-Committee of the SCAR Working Group on Biology requested the Consultative Parties to extend the designation of these Sites of Special Scientific Interest until the next Consultative Meeting, when an informed decision could be made. Accordingly, Recommendation XII- extends the expiration date of the designation of Site Numbers 1-8 until 31 December 1985, which would be after the conclusion of the Thirteenth Consultative Meeting.

The Parties recognised that the designation of Site No. 7 had already expired and that Recommendation XII- might not be formally approved and become effective, pursuant to Article 9 (4) of the Treaty, until after the expiration dates of Site Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Therefore, it was agreed that, in the interim, the Parties would voluntarily observe the management plans for these sites.