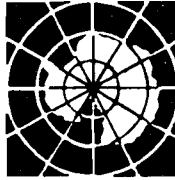


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ITEM RELATING TO THE STRENGTHENING OF TIES
BETWEEN S.C.A.R. AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES OF
CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH ARE NOT CONSULTATIVE
PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY
(Submitted by Argentina)

The Representatives,

Understanding that a rational increase in scientific and technical activities in Antarctica is of the utmost importance if the aims of the Antarctic Treaty are to be fulfilled;

Noting with satisfaction the growing wish of the Contracting Parties which are not Consultative Parties to increase their respective Antarctic activities to this end;

Recognising that scientific activities in Antarctica are extremely costly and that for this reason any unnecessary duplication of effort on national and international Antarctic research programmes should be avoided;

Taking into account that the fragile environment of Antarctica and its dependent ecosystems, in order to be preserved, calls for greater participation by the scientists and countries interested in that region to promote a greater protection and understanding of its nature;

Appreciating the desire of the Contracting States of the Antarctic Treaty, in general, to participate actively in the periodic meetings organised by SCAR and its Working Groups to promote a greater scientific understanding of Antarctica;

Recalling that, through the intermediary of SCAR, the National Committees of the Consultative Parties have made continual progress in the coordination of the respective and combined efforts dedicated to scientific and logistic investigations in Antarctica;

Considering that a greater number of contributions will also be to the overall advantage of SCAR and of the Contracting Parties;

Aware that an adequate and integral knowledge of Antarctica will be to the benefit of mankind, an aim foreseen by the Antarctic Treaty;

Considering that SCAR is the non-governmental organisation which coordinates all national and international technical and scientific programmes related to investigations in Antarctica;

Recalling that it is through the National Committees that scientific problems are studied and that information is exchanged relating to important scientific and technological activities necessary for the fulfilment of the provisions of the Treaty;

Recommend to the Governments of those Contracting Parties which are not Consultative Parties that:

1. They ask SCAR, through the intermediary of their respective National Committees, for any available scientific and technical information.
2. They participate in international programmes or propose national research programmes as an appropriate means of participating actively in the Antarctic activities which take place under the system of cooperation of the Antarctic Treaty.
3. They participate, in compliance with the established mechanisms, in the periodic meetings of SCAR and its various Working Groups, as a means to increase scientific and technical knowledge of Antarctica.