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**WORKING GROUP ON STOCK ASSESSMENTS**

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**ANTIGUA CONVENTION ARTICLE 11: SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

Article 11 of the Antigua Convention provides for a Scientific Advisory Committee, whose functions are described in Annex 4 of the Convention. The Committee will be established after the Convention comes into force, which will be 15 months after the seventh ratification by Parties to the 1949 Convention establishing the IATTC.

The Scientific Advisory Committee will, when it is established, replace the Stock Assessment Working Group. The Working Group is invited to review the functions of the Scientific Advisory Committee, and decide if it would be convenient to consider any of those functions as agenda items in future meetings. Doing so may facilitate a smooth transition into the work under the new Convention.

<b>ANNEX 4. SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>
The functions of the Scientific Advisory Committee established under Article XI of this Convention shall be the following:
(a) review the plans, proposals and research programs of the Commission, and provide to the Commission such advice as may be appropriate;
(b) review any relevant assessments, analyses, research or work, as well as recommendations prepared for the Commission by its scientific staff prior to consideration of such recommendations by the Commission, and to provide additional information, advice and comments, as warranted, to the Commission on these matters;
(c) recommend to the Commission specific issues and items to be addressed by the scientific staff as part of its future work;
(d) in consultation with the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission, recommend to the Commission the priorities and objectives of the program for data collection and monitoring established in Article VII, subparagraph (i) of paragraph 1, of this Convention and assess and evaluate the results of that program;
(e) assist the Commission and the Director in locating sources of funding to conduct the research to be undertaken under this Convention;
(f) develop and promote cooperation between and among the members of the Commission through their research institutions, with the purpose of expanding the knowledge and understanding of the fish stocks covered by this Convention;
(g) promote and facilitate, as appropriate, the cooperation of the Commission with other national and international public or private organizations with similar objectives;
(h) consider any matter referred to it by the Commission;
(i) perform such other functions and tasks as may be requested or assigned to it by the Commission.