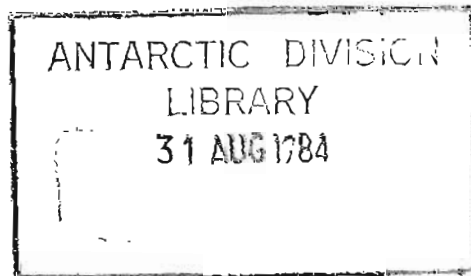


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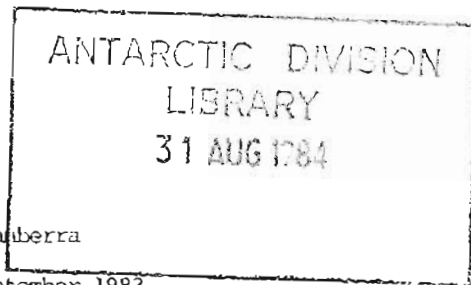
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Representatives of the Consultative Parties - Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, the Republic of South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America - met in Canberra on 12 September 1983.

The Meeting considered in Plenary Session the notifications received from the Governments of the Republic of India and of the Federative Republic of Brazil about their activities in the Antarctic and decided as follows:

The Representatives of the Consultative Parties:

Recalling that the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of India acceded to the Antarctic Treaty in accordance with Article XIII on 16 May 1975 and 19 August 1983 respectively;

Noting that on 19 August 1983, the Republic of India transmitted to the Government of the United States of America, as Depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty:

- a notification that the Republic of India considered itself entitled to appoint Representatives in

accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2, of the Treaty to participate in the Meetings referred to in Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Treaty;

- a declaration that the Republic of India will abide by the Recommendations adopted at Consultative Meetings and approved by all Consultative Parties, while it is examining them in accordance with its constitutional processes with a view to approving them in due course, and that appropriate consideration would also be given to Recommendations that have not yet become effective with a view to approving them in due course; and

- information about the logistic facilities, programme of work and scientific results of the previous Indian expeditions to Antarctica including, in 1981/82 and 1982/83, studies on meteorology, radiowave propagation, glaciology, magnetic measurements, aerosol measurements, geology, chemistry, biology, geophysics, air-sea interaction, paleomagnetism and magnetic properties, acoustics and hydroacoustics, geomagnetism and physical oceanography;

Noting that on 23 August 1983, the Federative Republic of Brazil transmitted to the Government of the United States of America, as Depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty:

- a notification that the Federative Republic of Brazil considered itself entitled to appoint Representatives in

accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Treaty to participate in the Consultative Meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Treaty;

- a declaration that the Federative Republic of Brazil intended to approve the Recommendations adopted in the Consultative Meetings which have already been approved by all Contractive Parties entitled to appoint Representatives to Consultative Meetings, and that the Federative Republic of Brazil further expressed its willingness to consider favourably the approval of the other Recommendations; and

- information describing the contents and objectives of the Antarctic research activities of the Federative Republic of Brazil, including, in 1982/83, oceanographic work preliminary to participation in the Second International Biomass Experiment in 1983/84 and 1984/85, marine biology, logistic and equipment research, navigation training and hydrographic surveys, and including, for 1983/84, research projects in atmospheric sciences, earth sciences, life sciences, education, training and logistics;

Noting that the Republic of India has firm plans during the 1983/84 season to establish the "Dakshin Gangotri" permanent manned station at latitude 70°45'S, longitude 11°38'E;

Noting that the Federative Republic of Brazil has firm plans during the 1983/84 season to establish the "Commandante Ferraz"

summer station on an island of the Palmer Archipelago east of the Neumayer Channel, and that the station will have the capacity to be expended into a permanent station;

Recognizing that the Republic of India and the Federative Republic of Brazil on the basis of scientific expeditions they have despatched to Antarctic and of the stations they will establish during the forthcoming summer season, thereby demonstrate their interest in Antarctica in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Treaty;

Having ascertained in accordance with Article X of the Antarctic Treaty, on the basis of the information provided about scientific expeditions and investigations to be carried out at stations, that the activities of the Republic of India and of the Federative Republic of Brazil are in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Treaty;

Record their acknowledgement that the Republic of India and the Federative Republic of Brazil have fulfilled the requirements established in Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Antarctic Treaty and that, as a consequence, they are entitled, during such time as they continue in accordance with Article IX-2 to demonstrate that interest, to appoint representatives to participate in the Consultative Meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Treaty; and hereby warmly welcome the Republic of India and the Federative Republic of Brazil as participants in such meetings.

B R A Z I L
N O T I F I C A T I O N

The Brazilian Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and, following instructions received from its Government, has the honour of transmitting herewith the document titled "Brazilian Activities in the Antarctic", issued in August 1983.

2. The document describes the objectives, structure, and coordination and implementation mechanisms of the Brazilian Antarctic Program, as well as its content. It describes Brazil's scientific activities connected with the area up to now and the program to be implemented in 1983-84. An Appendix to the document gives some preliminary research results already obtained as well as additional information.

3. Thus the Brazilian Government is transmitting to the U.S. Government, as the Depositary of the Treaty of the Antarctic, data which attest to Brazil's interest, activities and consequent investments in relation to the Antarctic. The data also show the scientific nature of Brazil's undertakings. The data reveal that Brazil has abided by the obligations it assumed as it adhered to the Treaty of the Antarctic on May 16, 1975, and that it intends to continue doing so. Furthermore, the activities already carried out, together with those planned, should be considered sufficient ground to entitle the Federative Republic of Brazil, in due time, to appoint representative to participate in the

Consultation Meetings called for by Article IX, 1, of the Treaty.

4. The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil declares its intention of approving the recommendations adopted in the Consultation Meetings called for by the Treaty, which have already been approved by all Contracting Parties entitled to sending representatives to the Consultation Meetings. The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil further expresses its favourable willingness to consider the approval of the other Recommendations.

5. The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil e expresses its appreciation to the Government of the United States for conveying the tenor of this communication and of its Appendix to the other Contracting Parties entitled to appointing representatives to the Consultation Meetings.

The Brazilian Embassy avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurance of its highest consideration.

WASHINGTON, D.C. AUGUST 23, 1983.

I N D I A
N O T I F I C A T I O N

The Government of the Republic of India hereby notifies the Government of United States of America as the Depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty of its view that the Republic of India considers itself entitled to appoint Representatives in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Treaty to participate in the meetings referred to in Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Treaty.

2. The Government of the Republic of India has demonstrated its interest in Antarctica by undertaking an intensive research programme in the Antarctic. It has despatched two scientific expeditions to the Antarctic in December, 1981 to February, 1982 and December 1982 to March 1983. In the course of the 1983-84 Antarctic season the Government of the Republic of India plans to establish a permanent scientific station in Antarctica.

3. Information about the logistic facilities, programme of work, and scientific results of the First and Second Indian Expeditions to Antarctica are contained in the following annexures:

Annexure 1. Antarctic research programme of India - an overview.

2. Summary Report of the First Indian Expedition to Antarctica, 1981-82.
3. Summary Report of the Second Indian Expedition to Antarctica 1982-83.
4. The First Indian Expedition to Antarctica, December, 1981 to February, 1982 (detailed report).
5. The Second Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica 1982-83 (detailed interim report).
6. Technical scientific reports of the work of the First Expedition (29 papers).

4. Future activities

As stated above, the Government of the Republic of India plans to establish a permanently manned scientific station in the course of the 1983-84 Antarctic season. A suitable ship has been chartered and it is expected that the Third Indian Expedition will reach Antarctica in December, 1983. The station will be located at and will be named 'Dakshin Gangotri' latitude 70°45'S, longitude 11°38'E. The scientific programme of the expedition will continue and extend studies already initiated. In fulfilment of paragraph 5 of the Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty the Government of the Republic of India will provide information about the Third Expedition in accordance with the Standard Format for the annual exchanges of information annexed to Recommendation VIII - 6.

5. Recommendation of Consultative Meetings

The Government of the Republic of India will abide by the Recommendations adopted at Consultative Meetings and approved by all Consultative Parties, while it is examining

them in accordance with its constitutional processes, with a view to approving them in due course.¹

In addition, the Government of the Republic of India wishes to inform the Depository Government that appropriate consideration will also be given to recommendations that have not yet become effective with a view to approving them in due course.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 19 August, 1983.

¹Paragraph substituted by note dated 5 September to State Department.

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