Korean proposal on the Transparency

The Republic of Korea basically agrees that in accordance with the Article XII.5 of the Convention "the Parties may, by unanimous agreement, invite the representative of any non-Party to participate as an observer at the Annual Conference."

At the 3rd Annual Conference the Parties also agreed that observer will be non-Party and IGOs that can be attended at the Meetings.

In the Annual Conference of the Central Bering Sea, one of the most important issues is how to conserve and manage marine living resources on the basis of scientific research and evaluation of the fisheries resources to ensure sustainable utilization.

In this regard, Korea doubts how non-governmental organization (NGO) can contrbute to providing scientific data and evaluation of the fisheries resources in the Central Bering Sea and moreover fishing is not reopened.

Korea thinks that it is not inevitable to consider admission of NGOs. The time is not quite ripe for it to discuss and we need more time to reconsider about it.