

Serial No. N955NAFO/FC Doc 79/VI/8FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1979Report of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

Monday, 4 June, 1745 hrs
Wednesday, 6 June, 1200 hrs
Thursday, 7 June, 0920 hrs and 1825 hrs

1. The First Annual Meeting of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO was called to order by the President of NAFO, Dr A. W. May (Canada).
2. Under Agenda Item 4, Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Commission unanimously agreed that Capt J. C. E. Cardoso (Portugal) and Mr J. Farnell (EEC) should serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO for the period 1980 and 1981. The meeting recessed at 1750 hrs, 4 June.
3. The meeting reconvened at 1200 hrs, 6 June. Calling the meeting to order, the Chairman expressed the hope that all Contracting Parties would work in a spirit of moderation and fairness, taking due account of the interests not only of fishermen from coastal states exercising jurisdiction in the Convention Area, but of all who fished there. In this way, the Fisheries Commission could build constructively on the achievements of ICNAF.
4. Under Agenda Item 2, Adoption of Agenda, the Fisheries Commission agreed that Item 10 (c) on the provisional agenda, the proposed International Observer Program, should be deleted as discussion of this item would more properly take place in the General Council and the Scientific Council. It also agreed, at the request of the delegate of the European Economic Community (EEC), that the EEC's proposals for amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement (NAFO/FC 79/VI/1, Serial No. N002) should be added to the agenda as a new Item 10 (c). The provisional agenda was adopted without further amendment (Appendix I).
5. Under Agenda Item 3, Rapporteur, Mr P. Elliott (EEC) was appointed Rapporteur.
6. Under Agenda Item 5, Review of Commission Membership, the meeting noted that the General Council had reviewed the membership of the Fisheries Commission and had found that Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, the EEC, the Faroe Islands (Denmark), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Norway, Portugal, Romania, and the USSR were members. Iceland had expressed her wish to remain as Observer in the Fisheries Commission's meetings.
7. Under Agenda Item 6, Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Fisheries Commission, the Commission considered draft Rules of Procedure drawn up by the Working Group on Rules of Procedure. The Chairman of the Fisheries Commission, who had also chaired the Working Group, said that the draft Rules had been re-arranged compared to those provisionally accepted at the previous meeting, but there were few changes of substance. The intention had been to make the rules as similar as possible to those of the General Council. He suggested that the Commission should, however, give particular consideration to the proposed rule which would establish a Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures. In his view, it would be useful to have such a committee in place on a contingency basis. Such a body had existed under ICNAF and had considered, *inter alia*, the criteria for allocating quotas. The delegate of Canada pointed out that the ICNAF body in question had been inactive for some time. It was difficult to see what a new standing committee would discuss and it would be preferable to establish an *ad hoc* committee if the need arose. The delegate of the EEC supported the arguments advanced by Canada, and also queried whether the Fisheries Commission should, as proposed, be required to present the annual report of its activities to the General Council. After further discussion, the Fisheries Commission agreed that it should simply be required to produce an annual report. The Commission also agreed not to establish a Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures. Subject to these and other minor changes, the Fisheries Commission agreed to adopt the Rules of Procedure at Appendix II. The Chairman recalled that the Working Group on Rules of Procedure had suggested that the Rules adopted should be subject to review after one year.
8. Under Agenda Item 7 (a), Establishment of a Standing Committee on Regulatory Measures, the Chairman observed that this matter had been dealt with under Agenda Item 6; no further action was necessary.
9. Under Agenda Item 7 (b), Establishment of a Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC), the Fisheries Commission noted that the Rules of Procedure just adopted provided for the establishment of a Standing Committee on International Control, consisting of one representative from each

member of the Fisheries Commission with a Chairman elected from among those representatives. At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Commission, Capt A. S. Gaspar (Portugal) agreed to convene a meeting to elect a Chairman of STACTIC. He subsequently reported on the membership of STACTIC, which was as follows: Bulgaria (Mr P. Kolarov), Canada (Mr L. S. Parsons), Cuba (Dr J. A. Varea), EEC (Mr J. Farnell), Faroe Islands (Mr K. Hoydal), GDR (Mr F. Hartung), Norway (Mr H. Rasmussen), Portugal (Capt A. S. Gaspar), Romania (Mr L. Popescu), and USSR (Mr A. A. Volkov). Capt Gaspar further reported that he had been elected Chairman of STACTIC.

10. Under Agenda Item 8, Adoption of Conservation Measures for Stocks of Fish for 1980, the delegate of Canada proposed that the Fisheries Commission should adopt the same total allowable catches and quota allocations for 1980 as those agreed by the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of ICNAF for the following stocks: cod, redfish, and American plaice in Div. 3M; cod in Div. 3NO; redfish in Div. 3LN; American plaice in Div. 3LNO; witch in Div. 3NO; and yellowtail in Div. 3LNO (Proc. 7, Appendix I, of the Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of ICNAF). In respect of yellowtail and American plaice in Div. 3LNO, he said that Canada could agree to the allocation of 400 tons and 700 tons, respectively, to the EEC, only on the understanding that these quantities were to be fished exclusively by fishermen from St. Pierre and Miquelon. The delegate of the EEC confirmed that the latter understanding was correct. He said that he could support the proposed total allowable catches and quota allocations in respect of all stocks, except redfish in Div. 3M. The proposed allocation in this case did not take proper account of the past catches of the EEC or of Japan and was neither fair nor in accordance with the principles previously followed by ICNAF in determining quota allocations. He had made proposals during discussions in ICNAF which would rectify the position and give the EEC a quota. These had received no support. Under the circumstances, he would not make a new proposal in the Fisheries Commission, but the EEC would consider the matter further and the possibility of a formal objection to the proposed regulation could not be ruled out.

The Fisheries Commission

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (2) for international regulation of the fisheries in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area (Appendix III).

It further agreed to invite the Scientific Council to review the state of the cod stock in Div. 3NO at a meeting to be held in February 1980 in Portugal (by kind invitation of the Portuguese Government) and to make further recommendations for management of the stock as appropriate. The Fisheries Commission would then consider the advice of the Scientific Council at a special meeting.

The Fisheries Commission, noting that scientific advice on the management of the stocks of squid (*Illex*) in Subareas 3 and 4, and capelin in Div. 3LNO in 1980, would not be available until January 1980, agreed to defer consideration of conservation measures for those stocks until the proposed special meeting in 1980.

The delegate of the USSR asked whether statistics of catches by vessels of the EEC Member States would continue to be shown separately or would be aggregated. After some discussion, the delegate of the EEC said that, at future meetings, all quota allocations to the EEC or its Member States, whether decided by NAFO or decided in the past by ICNAF, should be aggregated as EEC quotas. The EEC would reflect on whether to report to NAFO the breakdown of catches between Member States, but considered itself under no obligation to do so. To do so would, however, be consistent with the practice followed in ICNAF of recording catches separately for certain geographical areas, such as Newfoundland or St. Pierre and Miquelon. The Commission agreed.

The delegate of the EEC drew attention to the need to provide for the possibility of quota transfers between Contracting Parties in any regulations allocating quotas. Otherwise, a Contracting Party which received a quota or an increased quota by way of transfer might appear to have exceeded its allocation. Moreover, any such transfers should be reported to the Executive Secretary in advance. In discussion, it was suggested that a distinction needed to be made between genuine quota transfers and cases where a Contracting Party chartered vessels of another flag state in order to take its quota. The Commission agreed that, in the former case, the transfer should be reflected in formal quota allocations and the Executive Secretary formally notified, although not in advance. In the case of charters, the catch should be attributed to the flag state of the chartered vessels to facilitate evaluation of technical data, but the quotas should not be formally changed. Any apparent discrepancy between catches and quotas should be explained by means of a footnote in the appropriate document. The Commission further agreed that its regulations should be worded so as to allow for quota transfers.

11. Under Agenda Item 9 (a), Consideration of Minimum Mesh Size for Redfish in Subareas 2 and 3, the delegate of Canada recalled that he had proposed a change in the minimum mesh size for redfish in Subareas 2 and 3 at the Annual Meeting of ICNAF in 1978. As a result of further scientific advice,

however, the proposal had been withdrawn and there was no need for further discussion of this item.

12. Under Agenda Item 9 (b), Consideration of Minimum Mesh Size for Squid (*Illex*) in Subareas 3 and 4, the Commission noted that ICNAF had decided that from 1 January 1980 the minimum mesh size for squid (*Illex*) in Subarea 3 should be 60 mm. Therefore, the Fisheries Commission

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that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (3) for international mesh size regulation of the fishery for squid (*Illex*) in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area (Appendix IV).

13. Under Agenda Item 10, Further Consideration of Improvements to Measures of International Control and Enforcement of NAFO, the Commission agreed first to consider Sub-item 10(a), Improvements to the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement. The Chairman recalled that draft amendments to the Scheme had been adopted by the Special Meeting of ICNAF in March 1979 but had not been approved by NAFO, partly owing to lack of time. The Commission agreed that further consideration be deferred until the amendments to the Scheme proposed by the EEC (NAFO/FC 79/VI/1, Serial No. N002) had been examined by STACTIC. Under Sub-item 10(b), Actions authorized for the Executive Secretary following information on Parties having reached their quotas, the Fisheries Commission

agreed

that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (4) relating to actions to be taken by the Executive Secretary following information on Contracting Parties reaching their catch quotas (Appendix V).

Under Agenda Sub-item 10(c), EEC proposals for amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement, the Commission considered the Report of the Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) (Appendix VI) which had reviewed the EEC proposals (NAFO/FC 79/VI/1) and had recommended certain changes, and

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that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (5) regarding amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement (Appendix VII).

14. Under Agenda Item 11, Adaptation of the ICNAF Conservation Measures for NAFO, the Commission agreed that a working group comprising the Executive Secretary, representatives from Canada, the EEC, and the USSR and, if possible, the Chairman of the Fisheries Commission, should review the changes necessary to current ICNAF conservation measures in order to suit them for adoption as regulations of NAFO. It was agreed that the Working Group would meet at the NAFO/ICNAF Secretariat Headquarters, 4-8 September 1979, elect its own Chairman, and present its report to the proposed Special Meeting of the Fisheries Commission in March 1980. It was further agreed that the Working Group should also examine the text of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement and make recommendations to the Fisheries Commission for improvement or simplification of the wording.

15. Under Agenda Item 12, Other Business, the Commission first considered a Canadian proposal for reporting fish on board vessels entering the Convention Area. The delegate of Canada explained that the proposal was to require the flag state of any fishing vessels entering the Convention Area to report to the Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance of entry, the estimated time and location of entry and the amount of each species of processed fish on board. The latter information would also have to be recorded in the vessel's logbook. The intention was to assist enforcement officers participating in the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement to determine how much of the catch on board a vessel had been caught in the Regulatory Area. The present proposal had advantages over previous drafts submitted to ICNAF in that it would exempt vessels based in the Convention Area from the reporting requirement, thereby reducing the number of messages to a manageable level. It would also eliminate the need for repeated reporting by vessels fishing for overlapping stocks which would frequently enter and leave the Regulatory Area. A number of delegates objected to the proposal requiring reports from vessels entering the Convention Area rather than the Regulatory Area on the grounds that this discriminated in favour of the coastal states' vessels which would be subject to less stringent control. The delegate of the USSR also raised an objection of principle against the requirement to report catches on board when entering the Regulatory Area, as this was part of the high seas. Together with the delegate of Portugal, he considered it sufficient that catches on board be properly recorded in a vessel's logbook. The delegate of Canada suggested that the reporting requirement might be limited to vessels entering Subarea 3, but this idea also failed to gain support.

Following a recess, the delegate of Canada tabled a revised version of the proposal (NAFO/FC 79/VI/3, Serial No. N005), requesting the Commission to consider adoption of a regulation to provide that each

fishing vessel entering the Regulatory Area should have in its fishing logbook a record of the amount of each species of fish on board. The Fisheries Commission

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that the Executive Secretary transmit to the Contracting Parties, for joint action by the Contracting Parties, proposal (6) regarding the reporting of fish on board vessels entering the Regulatory Area (Appendix VIII).

16. As a further item of Other Business, the Commission addressed itself to a draft Canadian resolution relating to vessels of non-Member Countries operating in the Convention Area. Following discussion, the delegate of Canada presented a revised resolution (NAFO/FC 79/VI/4, Serial No. N006). The Commission adopted an amended Resolution Relating to Vessels of Non-Member Countries Operating in the NAFO Regulatory Area (Appendix IX).
17. Also under Other Business, the Commission considered a draft Canadian resolution relating to the transition from ICNAF to NAFO (NAFO/GC 79/VI/3, Serial No. N007). The delegate of Canada withdrew the resolution since ICNAF had adopted a similar resolution.
18. As the final item of Other Business, the Commission discussed a Canadian proposal for a resolution of the General Council of NAFO concerning the establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme. The Commission agreed that it would be appropriate to discuss this proposal even though it would be for the General Council, having a coordinating role, to pass a resulting resolution. The delegate of Canada pointed out that the matter had, in fact, already been discussed in the General Council and the proposal before the Commission was intended to take account of comments made then. The proposal for an International Scientific Observer Program derived primarily from a recommendation of the Scientific Council. Such a program would have the aim of improving scientific knowledge of the status of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area and of fisheries operations there. The present proposal would not, however, bind any Party. In effect, it was a declaration of support for the recommendation of the Scientific Council, together with an indication of how a scientific observer program could be implemented. Implementation would be on a bilateral, voluntary basis. Moreover, the proposal was not yet in its final form as more specific advice was awaited from the Scientific Council as to the data which the scientific observers should collect. The proposal received support from the delegates of the EEC, Portugal, and the USSR, each of whom also raised a number of points of detail and of drafting. In particular, the delegate of the USSR made clear that, under USSR legislation, the master of a vessel could take instructions only from his own authorities and hence the wording of the proposal was inappropriate. The delegate of the EEC thought that the wording needed to be strengthened to obviate the risk of the proposed arrangements interfering with fishing operations.

Subsequently, the delegate of Canada introduced a revised proposal (NAFO/FC 79/VI/5, Serial No. N008) which, he explained, was intended to take account of comments made in discussion within the Fisheries Commission. Subject to a number of drafting points, this received general approval. In particular, the delegate of Cuba placed on record his country's support for the objectives of the Scientific Observer Program and pledged his country to discuss its implementation on a bilateral basis. The Commission approved the amended Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme (Appendix X), and agreed to request the General Council to transmit it to all Contracting Parties and to all countries which were not Members of NAFO but whose vessels fished in the Regulatory Area, with the exception of Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela.
19. Under Agenda Item 13, Time and Place of Next Meeting, the Fisheries Commission decided to hold a special meeting in Toronto, Canada, on 4-7 March 1980.
20. Agenda Item 14, Adjournment. Before adjourning the meeting, the Chairman warmly thanked all those who had contributed to its success including the Government of Canada for its hospitality, the technical assistants, and the Secretariat. The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hrs, Thursday, 7 June. A press release summarizing the highlights of the First Annual Meeting of NAFO and of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of ICNAF is at Part V.

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Fisheries Commission

Agenda

1. Opening by President of NAFO, Dr A. W. May (Canada)
2. Agenda
3. Rapporteur
4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a term of two years
5. Review of Commission Membership
6. Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Fisheries Commission
7. Establishment of Standing Committees on
 - (a) Regulatory Measures
 - (b) International Control
8. Adoption of Conservation Measures for Stocks of Fish for 1980
 - (a) in Subarea 3 of the Regulatory Area
 - i) Div. 3M cod
 - ii) Div. 3M redfish
 - iii) Div. 3M American plaice
 - (b) overlapping national fishery limits in Subarea 3
 - i) Div. 3NO cod
 - ii) Div. 3LN redfish
 - iii) Div. 3LNO American plaice
 - iv) Div. 3NO witch
 - v) Div. 3LNO yellowtail
 - vi) Div. 3LNO capelin
 - vii) Subarea 3 and 4 squid (*Illex*)
9. Consideration of Minimum Mesh Size
 - (a) For redfish in Subareas 2 and 3, particularly in Div. 3M
 - (b) For squid (*Illex*) in Subareas 3 and 4
10. Further Consideration of Improvements to Measures of International Control and Enforcement of NAFO
 - (a) Improvements to the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement
 - (b) Actions authorized for the Executive Secretary following information on Parties having reached their catch quotas
 - (c) Amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement
11. Adaptation of the ICNAF Conservation Measures for NAFO
12. Other Business
13. Time and Place of Next Meeting
14. Adjournment

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Rules of Procedure for the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

REPRESENTATION

Rule 1

- 1.1 Each Fisheries Commission member shall notify the Executive Secretary as far as possible in advance of any meeting of the names of its representatives, alternates, experts and advisers who will attend.
- 1.2 The Fisheries Commission may invite any non-Member Government and any international organization to be represented at meetings of the Fisheries Commission or its subsidiary bodies by an observer or observers.

VOTING

Rule 2

- 2.1 Observers, experts and advisers may address plenary or subsidiary body meetings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 2.2 At meetings of the subsidiary bodies, decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of all members of the relevant subsidiary body, present and casting affirmative or negative votes, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of all members of the relevant subsidiary body.
- 2.3 Votes shall be taken by show of hands, by roll call, in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Contracting Parties, or by ballot, as determined by the Chairman.
- 2.4 In the case of an emergency between meetings, a vote may be taken by mail or other means of communication.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Rule 3

- 3.1 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they are elected.
- 3.2 The powers and duties of the Chairman shall be:
 - (a) to declare the opening and closing of each meeting;
 - (b) to preside at meetings;
 - (c) to rule on points of order, subject to the right of any representative to request that any ruling of the Chairman shall be submitted to the Fisheries Commission for decision by vote;
 - (d) to call for and announce the results of votes;
 - (e) to determine, after consultation with the Executive Secretary, the provisional agenda for the annual and special meetings;
 - (f) to arrange for the appointment of the members of subsidiary bodies as required;
 - (g) to sign a report of the proceedings of each meeting of the Fisheries Commission, for transmission to Contracting Parties, their representatives and others concerned; and
 - (h) generally, to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Secretary as will ensure, especially in the interval between meetings, that the business of the Fisheries Commission is carried out efficiently and in accordance with its decisions.
- 3.3 Whenever the Chairman is unable to act, the Vice-Chairman shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman.
- 3.4 If the office of the Chairman is vacated, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the balance of the term.
- 3.5 The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall not vote and another representative of his delegation shall exercise this function.
- 3.6 If the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are vacated, the Chairman of the Standing

Committee on International Control shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed for the Chairman, and the first order of business at the next meeting shall be the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the balance of the term.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 4

- 4.1 A provisional agenda for each annual or special meeting of the Fisheries Commission, or any of its subsidiary bodies, shall be prepared by the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the instructions from the Chairman, or the Chairman of the relevant subsidiary body, and be dispatched by the Executive Secretary to all Contracting Parties, their representatives, and invited observers, not less than 60 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting.
- 4.2 Except as provided in paragraph 4.3, no order of business shall be the subject of a decision, unless the subject matter has been included in the provisional agenda and explained in a memorandum, circulated by the Executive Secretary to all the representatives of the members, together with the corresponding provisional agenda.
- 4.3 The Fisheries Commission, by a majority of the votes of all members present and casting affirmative or negative votes, may take decisions involving amendment of these Rules of Procedure, provided that no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of the members.

COMMITTEES

Rule 5

- 5.1 There shall be a Standing Committee on International Control which shall:
 - (a) review the results of national and international measures of control;
 - (b) develop inspection methodologies;
 - (c) consider the practical problems of international measures of control;
 - (d) review reports of inspections and violations;
 - (e) promote exchanges and cooperative efforts of inspectors in international inspection; and
 - (f) make appropriate recommendations to the Fisheries Commission.
- 5.2 The Committee shall consist of representatives, one from each Commission member, who may be assisted by experts and advisers and shall elect, from among those representatives, to serve for two years, its own Chairman, who shall be allowed a vote. The Executive Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member, without vote.
- 5.3 The Fisheries Commission may establish such other subsidiary bodies as required.
- 5.4 Except as provided in these Rules, each subsidiary body shall establish its own Rules of Procedure.

SECRETARIAT

Rule 6

- 6.1 The Fisheries Commission and its subsidiary bodies shall, in the exercise of their functions and duties, use the services of the Secretariat.
- 6.2 The Executive Secretary shall prepare and transmit the provisional agendas in accordance with Rule 4.1.
- 6.3 The Executive Secretary shall receive the credentials of representatives and observers at annual and special meetings and report thereon to the Fisheries Commission as required.

LANGUAGE

Rule 7

English shall be the official and working language of the Fisheries Commission and its subsidiary bodies but, if desired, any other language may be used, on condition that persons doing so will provide interpreters. All official publications and communications of the Fisheries Commission shall be in English.

RECORDS AND REPORTS

Rule 8

- 8.1 Summary records of each plenary and other session shall be drafted and distributed as soon as possible to the participants by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.2 Summary minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of all subsidiary bodies shall be furnished to the Fisheries Commission by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.3 Summary records, reports, resolutions, proposals and other formal decisions adopted shall be transmitted as soon as possible after each meeting to the Fisheries Commission members, their representatives, and observers, by the Executive Secretary.
- 8.4 The Fisheries Commission shall prepare an annual report of its activities.

FINANCIAL

Rule 9

The Fisheries Commission shall not incur any expenditure except in accordance with a budget approved by the General Council.

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- (2) Proposal for International Quota Regulation of the Fisheries in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That Contracting Parties conduct their fisheries in the Regulatory Area in such a manner that catches shall not exceed the total allowable catch for each stock and the quotas for each stock set out in the attached Table, except that in the cod stock in Divisions 3N and 30 the following shall apply:

- i) that Contracting Parties shall take appropriate action to prohibit persons under their jurisdiction from conducting directed fisheries for cod in Divisions 3N and 30 in 1980;
- ii) that any vessel of a Contracting Party which conducts fishing operations, pursuant to the quota of that Contracting Party set out in the attached Table, may retain any incidental catch of cod in Divisions 3N and 30 provided that the amount of cod caught and retained in Divisions 3N and 30 does not exceed the greater of 2,500 kg and 10% of the total weight on the vessel of all species caught in Divisions 3N and 30.

Table - Integral Part of Proposal (2) for the International Quota Regulation of the Fisheries in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979. Total allowable catches and quotas (metric tons) for 1980 of particular stocks or species in Subarea 3 of the Convention Area.

Country	COD		REDFISH		AMERICAN PLAICE		YELLOWTAIL	WITCH	CAPELIN	SQUID (112x)
	3M ¹	3NO	3M	3LN	3M	3LNO	3LNO	3NO	3LNO	3 + 4
Canada ²	100		5,500	12,900	250	46,200	17,500	4,900		
Cuba ²	480		1,550	1,600	-	-	-	-		
European Economic Community	2,405		-	-	-	700	400	-		
Faroe Islands (Denmark)	1,775		-	-	-	-	-	-		
German Democratic Republic ²	-		-	600	-	-	-	-		
Norway ²	500		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Portugal ²	2,590		600	600	250	-	-	-		
USSR ²	1,270		10,350	9,200	1,000	-	-	2,030		
Others ²	100		2,000	100	500	100	100	70		
Reserved for Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which are non- Members of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization:										
Poland	500		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Spain	560		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	10,280	0	20,000	25,000	2,000	47,000	18,000	7,000		

¹ Allowable catch of cod in Division 3M by Contracting Parties are for the period 1 January-30 April 1980 only.

² The amount(s) allocated to this Party and to "Others" include(s) the amount(s) allocated for quota regulation of the same stock in the proposal adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in Plenary Session on 5 June 1979.

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- (3) Proposal for International Mesh Size Regulation of the Fishery for Squid (*Illex*) in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That, with effect from 1 January 1980:

1. Contracting Parties take appropriate action to prohibit the taking of squid, *Illex illecebrosus*, in the Regulatory Area by persons under their jurisdiction with trawl nets having in any part of the net, meshes of dimensions of less than 60 millimeters or 2-3/8 inches as measured by the ICNAF gauge. These mesh sizes relate to netting when measured wet after use irrespective of material, or the equivalent thereof when measured dry before use.
2. Contracting Parties prohibit the use, by any person to whom this proposal would apply, of any means or device, other than those described in paragraph 3, which would obstruct the meshes of the nets or which would otherwise, in effect, diminish the size of the nets, provided that strengthening ropes may be attached to the codend in such a manner that they will not obstruct the meshes of the codend.
3. Contracting Parties permit any canvas, netting, or other material to be attached to the underside of the codend of a net to reduce and prevent damage.

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- (4) Proposal Relating to Actions to be Taken by the Executive Secretary Following Information on Contracting Parties Reaching their Catch Quotas, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

When information satisfactory to the Executive Secretary indicates that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a quota of a Contracting Party has been taken, he shall immediately inform that Contracting Party. If, within 15 days, no action is taken by that Contracting Party, nor satisfactory information given that the quota has not been taken, the Executive Secretary shall so report to the Fisheries Commission.

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Report of Meeting of the Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC)
of the Fisheries Commission of NAFO

Thursday, 7 June, 1130 hrs

1. The meeting opened with the following Contracting Parties present: Canada, Cuba, the European Economic Community (EEC), the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Romania, and the USSR.
2. Capt A. S. Gaspar (Portugal) chaired the meeting with Mr P. H. Sutherland (Canada) acting as Rapporteur.
3. The purpose of the meeting was to review the EEC proposals for amendments to the NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement (Annex 1). The delegate of the EEC explained that the reasons for proposing amendments to the present Scheme were twofold: namely, to make the wording more understandable, and more in keeping with the wording of the NAFO Convention. The EEC proposals were examined paragraph by paragraph and, with some additional changes recommended by various Contracting Parties, it was agreed that the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement should be amended as reflected in Appendix VII. STACTIC encountered some difficulty with respect to the vessel registration documents mentioned in paragraph 5(v)(d) of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement. If these documents simply refer to the national registration documents, then the wording "for the area where the vessel is found fishing" was considered unnecessary. If, on the other hand, this section refers to some other registration documentation, then clarification is necessary.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 1330 hrs, 7 June 1979.

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European Economic Community (EEC) proposals for amendments to the
NAFO Scheme of Joint International Enforcement

During the meeting of STACTIC in March 1979, the EEC delegation declared that certain technical amendments would have to be made to the NAFO version of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement as agreed by ICNAF in order to take account of the fact that the Community was a Contracting Party to NAFO.

Please find below the text proposed by the EEC for those paragraphs of the Scheme which, in their view, would have to be amended. Proposed new language is underlined, and deleted language indicated by brackets for ease of comparison.

Paragraph 1.

Control shall be carried out by inspectors of the fishery control services of Contracting Parties. The names of the inspectors appointed for that purpose by the appropriate authority of the respective Parties shall be notified to the Commission. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall also notify the Commission of the names of the authorities designated to receive immediate notice of infringements and the means by which they may receive and respond to radio communications. Each Contracting Party which has, at any time, more than 15 vessels under its regulatory powers or under charter or contract to persons under its jurisdiction, engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish in the Regulatory Area shall, during that time, have an inspector or other designated authority present in the Regulatory Area (and Statistical Areas 0 and 6), or other designated authority present in a country (of a Contracting Government which is) adjacent to the Convention Area, to receive and respond, without delay, to notice of apparent infringements.

Paragraph 3.

Each inspector shall carry a document of identity supplied by his authorities in a form approved by the Commission and given him on appointment stating that he has the authority to act under the Scheme approved by the Commission. The document shall be produced by the inspector upon boarding a vessel under this Scheme.

Paragraph 4.

- (v) The master shall enable the inspector to examine and photograph catch, nets, or other gear and any relevant documents as the inspector deems necessary to verify the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to (the flag state of) the vessel concerned.
- (vii) Contracting Parties shall be required to inform the Executive Secretary when an inspection vessel of that Contracting Party ⁽¹⁾ is in the Regulatory Area.

Paragraph 5.

- (i) Inspections shall be made so that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience. The inspector shall limit his inquiries to the ascertainment of the facts in relation to the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to (the flag state² of) the vessel concerned. In making his examination, the inspector may ask the master for any assistance he may require. He shall draw up a report of the inspection on a form approved by the Commission. The inspector shall sign the report in the presence of the master who shall be entitled to add or have added to the report any observations which he may think suitable. The master must sign such observations, and he must sign the report without prejudice to future proceedings.

A copy of the report shall be given to the master of the vessel and the original shall be transmitted, within 30 days whenever possible, to the appropriate authority of the Contracting

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Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel. A copy shall be forwarded to the Commission.

- (v) Where an inspecting officer observes an apparent infringement of the regulations prohibiting:
- a) Fishing in a closed area or with gear prohibited in a specific area;
 - b) Fishing for stocks or species in a region after the date on which the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel has notified the Executive Secretary that vessels under its regulatory powers will cease a directed fishing for those stocks or species;
 - c) Fishing in an "Others" quota without prior notification to the NAFO Secretariat, or more than 10 days after the "Others" quota, for that stock or species has been taken and Contracting Parties have been so informed by the Executive Secretary; and
 - d) Fishing without proper Contracting Party registration documents; (for the area where the vessel is found fishing;)

the inspector shall, with a view toward facilitating Contracting Party action on the apparent infringement, immediately attempt to communicate with an inspector of the inspected vessel's flag state known to be in the vicinity, or the authority designated in accordance with paragraph 1 above by the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel. The master of the inspected vessel shall arrange for messages to be sent and received by using his radio equipment and operator for this purpose. At the request of the inspector, a master shall cease all fishing which appears to the inspector to be in contravention of regulations cited above. During this time, the inspector shall complete the inspection and, if he is unable to communicate with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel within a reasonable period of time, he shall leave the inspected vessel and communicate as soon as possible with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel. However, if he succeeds in establishing communications while on board the inspected vessel, and provided that the inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel agrees, the inspector may remain aboard. So long as the inspector remains aboard, the master may not resume fishing until the inspector is reasonably satisfied either with the action taken by the vessel's master, or as a result of his communication with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel, that the vessel will not repeat the apparent infringement for which it has been cited.

- (vi) The inspector may request that the master remove any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been used in contravention of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to (the flag state of) the vessel concerned. An identification mark approved by the Commission shall be affixed to any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been so used, whether removed or not, and the inspector shall record these facts on his report. The mark shall be so affixed as to ensure that this part of the gear will be preserved with the mark attached, and it shall be so preserved until it has been viewed by an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel who shall determine the subsequent disposition of the gear.
- (vii) The inspector may photograph the fishing gear in such a way that the identification mark and measurements of the fishing gear are visible, in which case the subjects photographed should be listed in the report and copies of the photographs should be attached to the copy of the report to the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the inspected vessel.

Paragraph 6.

Appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party notified of an apparent infringement committed by a vessel over which it exercises regulatory powers shall take prompt action to receive and consider the evidence of the alleged infringement, conduct any further investigation necessary for disposition of the alleged infringement, and whenever possible, board the vessel involved. Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the vessels concerned shall cooperate fully with appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party having designated the inspector to ensure that the evidence of the alleged infringement is prepared and preserved in a form which will facilitate judicial action on it.

Paragraph 7.

An inspector observing a failure of a vessel to enable an inspection party to board after being properly signalled shall:

- (i) Report the apparent infringement as soon as possible to any inspector of the flag state known to be in the vicinity or a designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising regulatory powers over the vessel concerned;

- (ii) Prepare a report giving as much information as possible, including the distance from which the signal was given, the visibility at the time, sea state, wind and icing conditions.

Paragraph 10.

Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall consider and act on reports of foreign inspectors under this Scheme on the same basis as reports of national inspectors. The provisions of this paragraph shall not impose any obligation on the appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party to give the report of a foreign inspector a higher evidential value than it would possess in the inspector's own country. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall collaborate in order to facilitate judicial or other proceedings arising from a report of an inspector under this Scheme.

Paragraph 11.

- (i) Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties shall inform the Commission by 1 March each year of the provisional plans for participation in these arrangements in that and the following year and the Commission may make suggestions to the appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties for the coordination of their operations in this field including the number of inspectors and the number of ships carrying inspectors.
- (ii) The arrangements set out in this regulation and the plans for participation shall apply between Contracting Parties unless otherwise agreed between them; and such agreements shall be notified to the Commission:

Provided, however, that implementation of the Scheme shall be suspended between any two Contracting Parties for no more than one year, if either of them has notified the Commission to that effect, pending completion of an agreement.

Paragraph 12.

Appropriate authorities of each Contracting Party shall report to the Commission by 1 March each year for the previous year:

- (i) Compilation of the inspections of the vessels over which they exercise regulatory powers by any authorized NAFO inspectors. This report shall refer specifically to each inspection by vessel name, date, position, and the nature of any alleged infringement.
- (ii) The status of disposition of each alleged infringement by a vessel over which they exercise regulatory powers. Each alleged infringement shall be listed annually until the action taken is final under the laws of the flag state. Any punishment imposed shall be described in specific terms, including the amount of any monetary penalty actually paid and the length of any imprisonment actually served.

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- (5) Proposal for Amendment of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement of the Fishery Regulations in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article XI of the Convention in the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement effective under Article XXIII, paragraphs 1, 3, 4 (v) and (vii), 5 (i), (v), (vi) and (vii), 6, 7 (i) and (ii), 10, 11 (i) and (ii), and 12 (i) and (ii), be replaced by the following:

"1. Control shall be carried out by inspectors of the fishery control services of Contracting Parties. The names of the inspectors appointed for that purpose by the appropriate authority of the respective Parties shall be notified to the Fisheries Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall also notify the Commission of the names of the authorities designated to receive immediate notice of infringements and the means by which they may receive and respond to radio communications. Each Contracting Party which has, at any time, more than 15 vessels under its fisheries jurisdiction or under charter or contract to persons under its jurisdiction, engaged in fishing for sea fish or in the treatment of sea fish in the Regulatory Area shall, during that time, have an inspector or other designated authority present in the Regulatory Area, or other designated authority present in a country of a Contracting Party adjacent to the Convention Area, to receive and respond, without delay, to notice of apparent infringements."

"3. Each inspector shall carry a document of identity supplied by the appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party in a form approved by the Commission and given him on appointment stating that he has the authority to act under the Scheme approved by the Commission. The document shall be produced by the inspector upon boarding a vessel under this Scheme."

"4. (v) The master shall enable the inspector to examine and photograph catch, nets, or other gear and any relevant documents as the inspector deems necessary to verify the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the vessel concerned.

(vii) Contracting Parties shall be required to inform the Executive Secretary when an inspection vessel of that Contracting Party¹ is operating in the Regulatory Area."

"5. (i) Inspections shall be made so that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience. The inspector shall limit his inquiries to the ascertainment of the facts in relation to the observance of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the vessel concerned. In making his examination, the inspector may ask the master for any assistance he may require. He shall draw up a report of the inspection on a form approved by the Commission. The inspector shall sign the report in the presence of the master who shall be entitled to add or have added to the report any observations which he may think suitable. The master must sign such observations, and he must sign the report without prejudice to future proceedings.

A copy of the report shall be given to the master of the vessel and the original shall be transmitted, within 30 days whenever possible, to an appropriate authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel. A copy shall be forwarded to the Commission.

(v) Where an inspecting officer observes an apparent infringement of the regulations prohibiting:

(a) fishing in a closed area or with gear prohibited in a specific area;

(b) fishing for stocks or species in a region after the date on which the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel has notified the Executive Secretary that vessels under its fisheries jurisdiction will cease a directed fishery for those stocks or species;

(c) fishing in an "Others" quota without prior notification to the NAFO Secretariat, or more than 10 days after the "Others" quota for that stock or species has been

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taken and Contracting Parties have been so informed by the Executive Secretary;
and

- (d) fishing without proper flag state registration documents for the area where the vessel is found fishing;

the inspector shall, with a view toward facilitating Contracting Party action on the apparent infringement, immediately attempt to communicate with an inspector of the inspected vessel's flag state known to be in the vicinity, or the authority designated in accordance with paragraph 1 above by the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel. The master of the inspected vessel shall arrange for messages to be sent and received by using his radio equipment and operator for this purpose. At the request of the inspector, a master shall cease all fishing which appears to the inspector to be in contravention of regulations cited above. During this time, the inspector shall complete the inspection and, if he is unable to communicate with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel within a reasonable period of time, he shall leave the inspected vessel and communicate as soon as possible with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel. However, if he succeeds in establishing communications while on board the inspected vessel, and provided that the inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel agrees, the inspector may remain aboard. So long as the inspector remains aboard, the master may not resume fishing until the inspector is reasonably satisfied either with the action taken by the vessel's master, or as a result of his communication with an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel, that the vessel will not repeat the apparent infringement for which it has been cited.

- (vi) The inspector may request that the master remove any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been used in contravention of the Commission's regulations in force in relation to the vessel concerned. An identification mark approved by the Commission shall be affixed to any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been so used, whether removed or not, and the inspector shall record these facts on his report. The mark shall be so affixed as to ensure that this part of the gear will be preserved with the mark attached, and it shall be so preserved until it has been viewed by an inspector or designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel who shall determine the subsequent disposition of the gear.
- (vii) The inspector may photograph the fishing gear in such a way that the identification mark and measurements of the fishing gear are visible, in which case the subjects photographed should be listed in the report and copies of the photographs should be attached to the copy of the report to the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the inspected vessel."

"6. Appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party notified of an apparent infringement committed by a vessel over which it exercises fisheries jurisdiction shall take prompt action to receive and consider the evidence of the alleged infringement, conduct any further investigation necessary for disposition of the alleged infringement and, whenever possible, board the vessel involved. Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the vessels concerned shall cooperate fully with appropriate authorities of the Contracting Party having designated the inspector to ensure that the evidence of the alleged infringements is prepared and preserved in a form which will facilitate judicial action on it."

"7. An inspector observing a failure of a vessel to enable an inspection party to board after being properly signalled shall:

- (i) report the apparent infringement as soon as possible to any inspector of the flag state known to be in the vicinity or a designated authority of the Contracting Party exercising fisheries jurisdiction over the vessel concerned;
- (ii) prepare a report giving as much information as possible, including the distance from which the signal was given, the visibility at the time, sea state, wind, and icing conditions."

"10. Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties shall consider and act on reports of inspectors of other Contracting Parties under this Scheme on the same basis as reports of their own inspectors. The provisions of this paragraph shall not impose any obligation on the appropriate authorities of a Contracting Party to give the report of a foreign inspector a higher evidential

value than it would possess in the inspector's own country. Appropriate authorities of Contract-Parties shall collaborate in order to facilitate judicial or other proceedings arising from a report of an inspector under this Scheme."

"11. (i) Appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties shall inform the Commission by 1 March each year of the provisional plans for participation in these arrangements in that and the following year and the Commission may make suggestions to the appropriate authorities of the Contracting Parties for the coordination of their operations in this field including the number of inspectors and the number of ships carrying inspectors.

(ii) The arrangements set out in this regulation and the plans for participation shall apply between Contracting Parties unless otherwise agreed between them; and such agreements shall be notified to the Commission:

Provided, however, that implementation of the Scheme shall be suspended between any two Contracting Parties for no more than one year, if either of them has notified the Commission to that effect, pending completion of an agreement."

"12. Appropriate authorities of each Contracting Party shall report to the Commission by 1 March each year for the previous year:

(i) Compilation of the inspections of the vessels over which they exercise fisheries jurisdiction by an authorized NAFO inspector. This report shall refer specifically to each inspection by vessel name, date, position, and the nature of any alleged infringement.

(ii) The status of disposition of each alleged infringement by a vessel over which they exercise fisheries jurisdiction. Each alleged infringement shall be listed annually until the action is final under the laws of the flag state. Any punishment imposed shall be described in specific terms, including the amount of any monetary penalty actually paid and the length of any imprisonment actually served."

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- (6) Proposal Regarding the Reporting of Fish on Board Vessels Entering the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

That, in order to provide better control of quota compliance, each vessel with fish on board entering the Regulatory Area shall have in its fishing log a record of the amount of each species of fish.

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- (2) Resolution Relating to Vessels of Non-Member Countries Operating in the Regulatory Area, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

The Fisheries Commission

Noting that, in 1978 and 1979, vessels flying the flags of Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico have fished in the Regulatory Area,

Noting that Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, and that the vessels in question have operated outside the conservation regime established by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization,

Noting that the fish stocks of the Regulatory Area are, at present, being fully utilized by Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization,

Noting, in consequence, that fishing by states which are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization represents a serious threat to conservation in the Regulatory Area,

Noting that the vessels in question have links with Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization and, in particular, that at least some of these vessels are owned either wholly or in part by fishing interests in Member Countries, and that at least some of the catch of these vessels is landed in Member Countries,

- Resolves:
- (1) that all Members of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization be called upon to take all practicable steps to prevent arrangements between their nationals and vessels flying the flags of States which are not Members of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, where such arrangements involve fishing by such vessels in the Regulatory Area, and
 - (2) that the President of the Organization be requested to inform Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela of the difficulties created by fishing vessels flying their flags with regard to the conservation of the stocks of the Regulatory Area.

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- (3) Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a Scientific Observer Scheme, adopted by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization on 7 June 1979

The Fisheries Commission,

Noting the adoption by the Scientific Council of a report supporting the establishment of an international scientific observer program with respect to fisheries in the Convention Area,

Considering that it would be desirable to improve scientific knowledge of the status of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area, through the establishment of an international scientific observer program,

Hereby Resolves that Parties whose vessels have been conducting fisheries in the Regulatory Area, within the framework established by multilateral fisheries conventions applicable to this Area, be called upon to develop an international scientific observer program, commencing in 1979, on a voluntary basis. The following guidelines are recommended for the establishment of such a program through bilateral discussions:

1. Parties interested in participating in this program would develop mutually satisfactory arrangements on a bilateral basis in order to facilitate the implementation of this program.
2. At the request of the authorities of a Party participating in this program, in accordance with logistic arrangements made on a bilateral basis, the participating Party to which the request is addressed would arrange to have vessels under its jurisdiction that have been identified in these arrangements, and are operating in the Regulatory Area, accept on board scientific observers designated by the requesting Party.
3. Transportation of scientific observers to and from fishing vessels will be the responsibility of the observers' authorities, and may be effected by their inspection vessels designated under the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries or the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Schemes of Joint International Enforcement, or directly between fishing vessels. Arrangements, including those concerning the transportation and boarding of observers, shall be organized so as to minimize interference with fishing operations, and, for example, in no case shall a fishing vessel be obliged to change its course pursuant to this program. Arrangements will be made for messages to be sent and received on behalf of the observer using the vessel's radio equipment and operator. Any expenses involved in such communication will be borne by the observers' authorities.
4. The masters of fishing vessels receiving scientific observers will ensure that such observers are granted full cooperation upon boarding, including accommodation and meals.
5. Scientific observers participating in the program will carry insurance satisfactory to the Parties concerned, either at their own expense, or as provided by their own authorities.
6. The participating Parties will establish, on a bilateral basis, the terms of reference for the scientific observers placed on board vessels pursuant to bilateral arrangements. The scientific observers will provide to the relevant masters, a copy of such records prepared by the observers, that the masters wish to retain.
7. The scientific observers will submit at the first opportunity, through their authorities to the authorities of the relevant fishing vessels, a copy of all scientific data records.

NOTE: The Fisheries Commission requests that the General Council transmit this Resolution to Parties to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries which are not Parties to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

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