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The Fisheries Commission quorum  
and related attendance

by

the Executive Secretary

At the last Annual Meeting, the Executive Secretary was instructed by the General Council to contact, on behalf of NAFO, the government of Bulgaria and the government of Romania, in order to draw their attention to the Fisheries Commission quorum regulations and ascertain the intentions of either government regarding its attendance at the next annual meeting and its participation in NAFO fisheries.

The General Council in its function, pursuant to Article III (c) of the Convention, while reviewing the membership of the Fisheries Commission, studied the repercussions that might have on the powers of decision of the Commission its Article XIV whereby "no vote shall be taken unless there is a quorum of at least two-thirds of the Commission members".

After a cordial and respectful exchange of notes, both governments assured NAFO through the offices of the Executive Secretary that they would be represented at the next annual meeting and normally at all future meetings. They were also taking action to try and succeed in achieving a more continuous and rewarding fishing activity in the Convention Area than at present, as they continued to be interested in NAFO fisheries.

The Executive Secretary deems that his mission is thus concluded satisfactorily since the quorum is  $2/3$  of 12 = 8 members (as Iceland is not a F.C. member), and consequently with the presence of Bulgaria and Romania it would be necessary for half of the remaining 10 members to be absent for the existence of a quorum deficiency.