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Report of the Working Group to study the conversion
factors used by the different Contracting
Parties of NAFO

The Working Group, set up by the Fisheries Commission to study conversion factors used by the different Contracting Parties of NAFO, during its 8th Annual Meeting in September 1986, under the chairmanship of R. J. Prier (Canada), had difficulty in meeting due to the workload which occupied the members of that Commission and of the Scientific Council during the meeting.

The Chairman was however able to present at the last session of the Fisheries Commission the results of their discussions and deliberations.

The Canadian delegation had presented a working paper on the determination of the split fish equivalent factor for salted codfish in bulk, which the Working Group, after an exchange of views, felt should first be considered by the Scientific Council. It was unanimously agreed to recommend to every Contracting Party that its representative(s) in the Scientific Council be prepared to discuss the preliminary working paper on salt cod conversion at the Scientific Council meeting to be held in Dartmouth in June 1987.

In addition every representative should be prepared to present then his or her approach to the development of up-to-date conversion factors for all species fished within the NAFO area of jurisdiction.

It was finally agreed to recommend this approach to the Fisheries Commission.