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EEC Proposal on the establishment and mandate for a Working Group

on Joint International Enforcement in the Regulatory Area

In order to ensure the comprehensive application of the international control measures on fisheries in accordance with the spirit and provisions of the Convention, in the Regulatory Area, the Fisheries Commission hereby establishes a Working Group with the following mandate:

- to identify the different elements, as well as the systems and means available, which should be taken into account in order to achieve a control regime of which the objectives are:
 - i) to ensure the homogenous application of the operations carried out under the regime;
 - ii) to ensure impartiality in the realization and distribution of inspections between the Contracting Parties;
 - iii) to ensure the accuracy of identification of the location in which an inpsection takes place;
 - iv) to define the limits within which the controls shall be carried out in order to minimize the disturbance to the activities of the vessel involved.
- to specify the conditions and the relevant technical means in order to guarantee the respect of the objectives set out above.

The Working Group, which shall be composed of one representative of each Contracting Party which wishes to participate, accompanied by at most two experts, shall submit a comprehensive report to the Fisheries Commission.