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Canadian 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 objectives are:
  - i) to minimize the possibility of confusion in the identification of vessels operating within the framework of the control regime;
  - ii) to ensure objectivity in the realization and distribution of inspections between the Contracting Parties;
  - iii) to ensure the accuracy of identification of the location in which an inspection 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;
  - v) to specify the conditions and the relevant technical means in order to guarantee the respect of the objectives set out above;
  - vi) to ensure participation by all Parties, at a level corresponding to the extent of their fisheries in the Regulatory area, in the conduct of inspections under the Joint International Scheme;
  - vii) to ensure timely and effective identification of infractions, and communication to the responsible authorities of the flag state concerned.

The Working Group shall report on the specific amendments to the existing control regime which might be appropriate. The Working Group, which shall be comprised of one representative of each Contracting Party which wishes to participate, accompanied by up to two experts, will be convened by the Executive Secretary, and will begin its work, immediately following confirmation by the Executive Secretary that all NAFO Contracting Parties will ensure that their fleets will fully comply, at least until 15 November 1987, with a control regime corresponding to the provisions of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement contained in the current NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures. The Working Group's final report to the Commission will be transmitted to the Executive Secretary no later than 31 May 1987, for circulation to the Contracting Parties well in advance of the September 1987 Meeting of NAFO.