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The Terms of Reference for the Working Group on
Improvements to Inspection and Control in the Regulatory Area

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The Fisheries Commission directed STACTIC to prepare the terms of reference for the development of both the short-term and long-term tasks outlined in NAFO/FC Doc. 90/8 (Revised) and any other measures which might be appropriate to improve control in the Regulatory Area.

Terms of Reference

1. Short-term Measures

- a) The compilation of a detailed report on:
 - i) the optimization of inspection resources and their effective coordination, including the exchange of inspectors between Contracting Parties;
 - ii) the development of a hail system;
 - iii) the requirement for vessels and gear to be marked for easy identification; and
 - iv) any other measures which might be appropriate.
- b) The report would address the legal and practical aspects and the financial burden of implementing the short-term measures for Contracting Parties as well as the Secretariat of NAFO.
- c) In addition the report will give consideration to how the detailed implementation of the measures could be achieved.
- d) In anticipation of the approval of any possible proposals a paper will be prepared and presented outlining the consequent amendments to the Conservation and Enforcement Measures and the Scheme of Joint International Inspection.
- e) Deadline: To be presented to the Fisheries Commission for consideration by 1 December 1990.

The EEC delegation agree to convene the initial working group meeting and will coordinate with other Contracting Parties concerning the practical arrangements for the meeting and circulation of appropriate documents. Contracting Parties will notify the EEC delegation of the names of their contacts.

It is proposed that the first working group meeting be held in Brussels from 16 to 19 October 1990 in Brussels.

2. Long-term Measures

- a) The preparation of papers on the feasibility of adopting in the Regulatory Area the following:
 - i) An International Observer Scheme
 - ii) An electronic tracking system
 - iii) A licensing system
 - iv) Any other measures which may be considered as appropriate

In the light of the analysis made of papers presented a more detailed report will be drawn up which would address the feasibility of the implementation of such measures taking into account the associated legal, practical and financial considerations.

- b) The working group will undertake a comprehensive review of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures and the Scheme of Joint International Inspection.

The working group will report back to the Fisheries Commission on the progress made on the long-term measures at the next annual meeting of NAFO.