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**Amendment to the Conservation and Enforcement Measures
(Proposal by the European Community) (ADOPTED)**

Article 7 – Greenland Halibut in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The rebuilding plan for the Greenland Halibut stock provided for in Article 7 of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures states in paragraph 6 subparagraph c) of that article that authorised vessels shall only land their catch into ports designated by the Contracting Parties.

Some confusion has arisen with regard to the interpretation of this provision as in certain cases Contracting Parties have designated ports on the territory of other Contracting Parties. In addition the present text does not provide for the establishment of a list of ports by the Executive Secretary that can be distributed to Contracting Parties nor are there any provisions with regard to prior notification of landing.

The provisions should be made clearer as regards the designation of ports and notification to be given by vessels prior to entering such ports. It is therefore proposed to replace the text of Article 7 paragraph 6 subparagraph c) by the following:

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c) Authorised vessels may only land Greenland Halibut catches in designated ports.

To this end each Contracting Party shall designate ports of that Contracting Party in which landings of Greenland halibut are authorised and communicate a list of these ports to the Executive Secretary by 1 January 2006. Each Contracting Party shall transmit to the Executive secretary any subsequent changes in the list at least 15 days before they enter into force. On the basis of this information the Executive Secretary shall establish a list of designated ports and transmit it as well as any subsequent changes to all Contracting Parties.

Prior to entry into any designated port authorised vessels or their representatives shall provide the competent port authority at least 48 hours before the estimated time of arrival with the following:

- i. Estimated time of arrival;***
- ii. Estimate of quantities of Greenland halibut retained onboard;***
- iii. Information on the zone or zones where the catches were taken.***

Each landing shall be subjected to an inspection in port. The corresponding port inspection report shall be transmitted to the NAFO Secretariat within 14 working days from the date on which the inspection was completed. The NAFO secretariat shall make these reports available to other Contracting Parties upon request.