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Amendment to the Conservation and Enforcement Measures
(Proposal by France (in respect of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon)) (**ADOPTED**)

Article 32 – Serious infringements

In December 2004, a member State of the European Union asked French authorities to carry on a port inspection in Saint-Pierre harbour in accordance with Article 32 paragraph 7 of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures.

Geographical position of Saint-Pierre, harbour close to fishing areas, could be an alternative solution for port's inspection in case of serious infringements in the Regulatory Area. France wishes officially to offer this opportunity to Contracting Parties.

In this respect, Article 32 paragraph 7 of the Conservation and Enforcement Measures could be replaced by the following text:

Where justified, the authorities of the Flag State Contacting Party of the vessel concerned shall, where authorised to do so, require the vessel to proceed immediatly to a port for a thorough inspection under the authority of the Flag State and in the presence of an inspector from any other Contracting Party which wishes to participate. The master should direct the vessel either to St. John's or Halifax, Canada, Saint-Pierre, France, or its home port, unless another port is designated by the Flag State. If the vessel is not called to port, the Contracting Party must provide due justification in a timely manner to the Executive Secretary who shall make it available on request to any Contracting Party.