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**Proposal for a Resolution concerning the extension of Closed Area 5  
(Flemish Cap Northeast Prong)**

The NAFO Contracting Parties:

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 61/105, which called for States and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) to adopt conservation and management measures in order to prevent significant adverse impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystems;

Mindful of the FAO International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-Sea Fisheries on the High Seas that serve inter alia to guide the identification of VMEs;

Committed to implement an ecosystem approach and implement measures following the precautionary approach to address the impacts of bottom fishing activities on VMEs;

Noting that the NEREIDA project documented in Closed Area 5 (the Flemish Cap Northeast Prong) "*the most interesting arrangement of corals and sponges communities*" identified so far in the NAFO Regulatory Area;

Noting that Closed Area 5 defined in Article 2 bis (ex-Article 16) NCEM does not reach sufficiently deep waters to protect the entire gradient of coral and sponges assemblages identified;

Acting upon the 2011 recommendation of the Scientific Council to extend the deeper boundary of Closed Area 5 up to the 2 500 meters contour;

**Resolve to amend the coordinates of Closed Area 5 in Article 2 bis (ex-Article 16) NCEM as follows:**

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
5.1	47° 47' 46.00" N	43° 29' 07.00" W
5.2	47° 40' 54.47" N	43° 27' 06.71" W
5.3	47° 35' 57.48" N	43° 43' 9.12" W
5.4	47° 51' 14.4" N	43° 48' 35.64" W
5.5	48° 27' 19.44" N	44° 21' 7.92" W
5.6	48° 41' 37.32" N	43° 45' 08.08" W
5.7	48° 37' 13.00" N	43° 41' 24.00" W
5.8	48° 30' 15.00" N	43° 41' 32.00" W
5.9	48° 25' 08.00" N	43° 45' 20.00" W
5.10	48° 24' 29.00" N	43° 50' 50.00" W
5.11	48° 14' 20.00" N	43° 48' 19.00" W
5.12	48° 09' 53.00" N	43° 49' 24.00" W

**and adjust the map in figure 2 accordingly.**

