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**Proposal for a resolution on the protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems
from activities other than fishing**

NAFO Contracting Parties:

Following the identification by NAFO of concentrations of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the NAFO Regulatory Area and their subsequent closure to bottom fishing activities, as outlined in Article 16.5 of NAFO CEM;

Noting that these area closures could be affected by human activities other than fishing, which could jeopardise the effect of these closures;

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the NAFO Performance Review Panel to consider whether activities other than fishing may impact stocks and fisheries as well as the biodiversity in the NAFO Regulatory Area;

Resolve to urge other international organisations dealing with at sea human activities and maritime affairs other than fishing to consider, in accordance with their mandate, taking mitigation measures in areas beyond national jurisdiction to reduce the risk of negative impacts of these activities in the closed areas.