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Observer reporting

Preamble:

The Observer Scheme in Chapter V of the NAFO CEM states that the observer must submit a report within 30 days following completion of a deployment. However, the format of that report is not fixed, and the delay for submission does not ensure its availability for port inspection at landing.

STACTIC has agreed at its London 2013 inter-session to defer to the Fisheries Commission a standardized format for the observer report, as Annex II.M, and a revised way to disseminate that report to Contracting Parties. STACTIC also requested the EU to consider preliminary information to support the local port inspection at the arrival of the vessel in port. This proposal responds to this request.

The rationale is to consider that

1. the standardized format adopted by STACTIC at London 2013 can easily be fulfilled electronically by the observer before the arrival of the vessel in port
2. at the latest at arrival in port, the observer delivers the standardized report without delay to the flag Contracting Party and to the local inspection service, in case of inspection in port
3. the flag state contracting party forward the report to NAFO Secretariat for dissemination in accordance with the new paragraph A 7.

Proposed amendment:

Article 30 – Observer programme

1. In conjunction with STACTIC WP 13/14 (adopted in London 2013), replace the text of paragraph A 2 (g) by the following one:

(g) as soon as possible after leaving the Regulatory area, and at the latest at arrival of the vessel in port, submits the report, as set out in Annex II.M, in electronic format, to the flag State Contracting Party and, if an inspection in port occurs, to the local port inspection authority. The flag State Contracting Party forwards the report to the Executive Secretary within 30 days following the arrival of the vessel in port.