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Resolution Relating to the Non-Participation of Bulgaria and Romania in NAFO

The General Council

Recalling that the NAFO Convention provides that the object of the Organization shall be to contribute through consultation and co-operation to the optimum utilization, rational management and conservation of the fishery resources of the NAFO Convention Area;

Noting its concern about the long-standing non-participation of Bulgaria and Romania in NAFO, particularly the non-payment of their respective contributions;

Considering that such long-standing non-participation in NAFO and non-payment of their respective contributions disrupt the normal functioning of the Organization; and

Recalling that the Chairman of the General Council and the Executive Secretary have, on numerous occasions, written to Bulgaria and Romania expressing the Organization's concerns and asking for indications as to their intent concerning future participation in NAFO, with no response,

resolves that:

- 1) Each Contracting Party, and in particular the NAFO Convention depositary state, shall communicate through the appropriate diplomatic channels with Bulgaria and Romania;
 - (a) to convey the concerns over their non-participation in NAFO and the non-payment of their contributions to NAFO; and
 - (b) to urge them either to meet their obligations under the Convention or to exercise their rights under Article XXIV thereof, the latter in effect resulting in the suspension of the debt accumulated from the non-payment of contributions.
- 2) Each Contracting Party shall report to the General Council, at its next annual meeting, on the results of its diplomatic communications effected pursuant to paragraph 1 above.