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The Working Party met under the Chairmanship of Captain J.C.E. Cardoso to review the returns of comments on the suitability of the logbook format developed by STACRES at its 1971 meeting (ICNAF Redbook 1971, Part I, p.67-68; 1971 ICNAF Meeting Proceedings No.11).

In general, the returns indicated agreement. Some exceptions were noted in that the recording of discards and industrial fish might be difficult and inaccurate. However, most countries had at the present time or would in the near future have mandatory logbook systems that would provide the desired information. After some discussion the Working Group recommended that

- 1) that each vessel over 50 GRT should keep a log
- 2) that, although the most detailed information possible is desired, a daily recording represented an acceptable minimum standard
- 3) that the catch, i.e., the wet weight brought on deck, should be recorded along with ancillary comments on discards and industrial fish
- 4) that a standard form, although desirable, was not necessary provided that the required information was recorded
- 5) that each country report to the Secretariat on the standard logbook which had been adopted.

The NEAFC members present agreed that the required information as presented in Appendix I of ICNAF Circular Letter 71/59 appeared to be suitable for purposes of reporting and enforcement in the NEAFC Area.

