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Statement by the French delegation at the Plenary Session, Friday, 20 June, regarding the Report of the Joint Meeting of Panels 2 and 3 (Proceedings No. 14, Addendum)

During the Meeting of the Panels, the French delegation explained the situation of her country concerning France's cod fishery in Div. 2J-3KL.

Despite of this, we had to suffer the most important sacrifices in the reductions which have been operated.

Our quota has now been decreased from 40,000 tons in 1975 to 14,000 tons.

At the present stage, we do not intend to reopen the discussion on this matter. However, we have to state that the method of distribution which has been applied is unacceptable for us, and we cannot agree with the amount we have been given. Moreover, such a figure should never be considered as a basis for further discussion in the next meetings of the Commission.

We request that the reservations we have not specified should be noted in the minutes of this meeting.