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Commissioners, partly with advisors, were present from the following countries being members of the lasel: enmark, Trance, Norway, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom. Observers were present from Chada, Iseland and United Lates.

1. The Chairman opened the Meeting, stressing the steadily inereased in fishing effort in the Sub-Area.

Mr. Dinesen welcomed on behalf of the Danish Minister of Fisheries the delegates taking part in the Meeting.

2. Meports were delivered on the research work and on the status of the fishery in the Sub-area by the various countries represented on the Panel.

From the reports it appeared that for the cod the year 1953 had been a good survival year, this being in good accordance with the fact that the summer temperature of the water had been comparatively high. Further it was noted that the pelagic fishery for large cod was growing in importance.

For most of the participating countries work was still going on in the Sub-Area and full reports could therefore only be given later on.

Experiments on conversion factors had been carried out from various fishing vessels operating in the Area.

- 3. The statistical requirements of the Commission were considered, and the countries agreed to work towards the reporting of their statistics according to these requirements, which were already now for a great part accomplished.
- 4. The Panel agreed to refer the two points under this item (Researches on God and Hydrographic Observations) to the Sub-Committees on Cod-Haddook and on Hydrography.
- 5. The Panel agreed that it would be desirable to report on researches in such a manner that the separate reports could be directly compared and compiled. To this effect figures and not only curves should be given for length- and age-distribution etc. The Executive Secretary was asked to circulate a short description of the way in which results should be given in tabular form.
- 6. The program for 1954 was considered. Researches in the Area would be carried out by all countries represented, and some increase in research efforts could be expected. More elaborate programs could not be presented at this early date.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5.00 p.m.

Klaus Sunnanaa Chairman.