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Amendment to the
International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries
Articles VII and VIII

Memorandum by Poland

Further to the 1968 resolution of the Commission concerning the amendments to the Articles VII and VIII of the Convention, Polish authorities paid their consideration to the problem and present the following views:

1. An increased flexibility in the types of the protection of fishery resources might contribute to the improvement of regulatory measures and by these means to the optimum utilization of such resources in the Convention Area.
2. The introduction of new means of regulation should be based on approved scientific investigations in the scope of assessment of fish stocks and their yields and on economic and technical considerations.
3. Polish authorities have approved the following draft formulation of the two amendments which had been accepted by the Commission during the 1968 Annual Meeting:
 - a) ad Article VII par.2:-
 - "2. Each Panel, upon the basis of scientific investigations, and economic and technical considerations, may make recommendations to the Commission for joint action by the Contracting Governments within the scope of paragraph 1 of Article VIII;
 - b) ad Article VIII par.1:-
 - "1. The Commission may, on the recommendation of one or more Panels, and on the basis of scientific investigations, and economic and technical considerations, transmit to the Depositary Government appropriate proposals, for joint action by the Contracting Governments, designed to achieve the optimum utilization of the stocks of those species of fish which support international fisheries in the Convention Area."
4. The above amendment to Article VIII, paragraph 1, does not expressly state whether it concerns only the preamble or whether it also should effect and introduce the alternations into the points (a) to (e) of this paragraph. In case whatever alternations were to be introduced into these points, Polish authorities would have to reserve for them the possibility to give further consideration to this subject.