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Statement by the Revolutionary Government
of the Republic of Cuba

At the last meetings held in Halifax, Miami and Edinburgh, the Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Cuba has stated its intention to adhere to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

While declaring our intention to fish in the ICNAF region, our Government also stated as a prerequisite for joining the Commission, the allocation to our country of a set of quotas that would satisfy our minimum needs.

During the past Annual Meeting of the Commission held in Edinburgh, we participated actively in the debates for the allocation of quotas, obtaining that certain amounts for Cuba be included in the "others" category.

Our Government has carefully analysed the results of the Edinburgh Meeting and has arrived to the following conclusions:

1. That while Cuba would be without a specific quota applicable to it in 1976 if she becomes a member during the remainder of this year, provisions should be made to specify what part of "others" is to be considered to be the quotas for Cuba.
2. That adjustments should be made in some of the figures, specially in silver hake in Division 4VWX, where a minimum of 15,000 metric tons is needed, since the rest of the allocations requested were based on this figure as our main directed fishery.

A failure in solving this problem would mean that most of our vessels would be without fishing quotas at the beginning of the summer season. This would make our fishing operation in the region economically inefficient.

3. A satisfactory solution for the aforementioned problems would mean that Cuba would adhere immediately to ICNAF.
4. To this effect, enclosed you will find a set of tables containing the figures per divisions and species in the manner that would be acceptable to us.

We are requesting the Executive Secretary of ICNAF to circulate among the Member Countries of the Organization the present statement, so due consideration be given to it at the next Special Meeting to be held this autumn in Canada.

July 9th, 1975.

¹ All ICNAF documents will now be numbered to include the month (in Roman numerals) of the meeting at which they were presented.

Table 1.

Species	Divisions							
	2J+3KL	2+3K	3M	3LN	3LNO	3NO	30	3+4
<u>Cod</u>								
Others	6,000		2,000				1/	
Cuba	7,500		2,000			2,500		
<u>Redfish</u>								
Others		4,750	2,400	2,900			1,200	
Cuba		1,000	2,400	2,900			1,200	
<u>A. plaice</u>								
Others					1/			
Cuba					1,400			
<u>Witch</u>								
Others							100	
Cuba							500	
<u>Yellowtail</u>								
Others					1,000			
Cuba					300			
<u>Mackerel</u>								
Others								2,500
Cuba								2,500

1/ Deferred to Special Meeting.

Table 2.

Species	Divisions			
	4VWX	4VsW	4XW(b)	4VWX+5
<u>Cod</u>				
Others			1/	
Cuba			2,800	
<u>Redfish</u>				
Others		1/		
Cuba		850		
<u>Silver hake</u>				
Others	11,000			
Cuba	15,000			
<u>Flounders</u>				
Others	1,500			
Cuba	2,800			
<u>Herring</u>				
Others			1,000	
Cuba			1,600	
<u>Argentine</u>				
Others	2,500			
Cuba	2,500			
<u>Pollock</u>				
Others				1,600
Cuba				1,200

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Table 3.

Species	Divisions			5+6
	5Z	5Ze	5Zw+6	
<u>Cod</u>				
Others	1,065			
Cuba	400			
<u>Mackerel</u>				
Others			9,000	
Cuba			9,000	
<u>Silver hake</u>				
Others		4,500	4,000	
Cuba		4,500	4,000	
<u>Red hake</u>				
Others		6,000	1,000	
Cuba		1,400	1,000	
<u>Flounders</u>				
Others				500
Cuba				500
<u>Herring</u>				
Others				^{1/}
Cuba				2,000
<u>Other Finfish</u>				
Others				15,000
Cuba				3,000
<u>Squid (Loligo)</u>				
Others				3,000
Cuba				1,000
<u>Second Tier</u>				
Others				26,550
Cuba				22,550

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