

**PROPOSAL BY NORWAY FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PECCOE ON THE ISSUE OF PORT STATE CONTROL FOR 2006**

IUU fishing represents major problems not only for the Flag states, but also for the Coastal states responsible for the management of the stocks in question. Considerable amount of fish is landed in the ports of countries other than the Flag state or the Coastal state. This is also the case for fish caught in IUU fishing.

Port State Control is considered to be an effective tool to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing. For effective implementation of Port State Control, exchanges of information are crucial. Without information the Flag state will not be in a position to follow up infringements. Exchange of information on landings will also enable the Coastal states as well as NEAFC and the Flag states to monitor the total amount of fish caught and thereby determine the level of any IUU fishing that might occur.

Inspections conducted in the port of landing may be the only way to obtain the evidence necessary to follow up infringements. The presence of officials from the Flag state and Coastal states as observers during such inspections will in this respect be of great value. Together with the exchange of information this will create a new level of transparency between the Contracting Parties.

The Commission mandates PECCOE to propose to the Annual Meeting in 2006 a recommendation on Port State Control based, inter alia, on the FAO Model Scheme. The proposal shall further include provisions relating to the exchange of information on landings covered by the scheme as well as the exchange of officials.