

Proposal by Norway for Terms of reference for the working group on the Future of NEAFC

Recalling the importance attached to evaluating the RFMOs, expressed i.a. at the March 2005 meeting of the FAO Fisheries Committee, the Commission recommends that a performance review of NEAFC is established.

The purpose of such a review is to provide for a systematic check of performance of the organisation and its consistency with the NEAFC Convention, UNFSA and other relevant international agreements and instruments.

The working group on the Future of NEAFC shall develop assessment criteria and procedures for the performance review, including terms of reference for the review, in consultation if appropriate with FAO and other RFMOs. The procedures and terms of reference, together with administrative details, should be submitted to the Contracting Parties for decision by postal vote.

The performance review should aim to be presented to the Annual Meeting in 2006.