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Permanent Committee on Management and Science

a. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Pursuant to Article 3 (8) of the Convention, and Chapter 5 of the Rules of Procedure, there shall be a **Permanent Committee on Management and Science**.
1. The functions of the Committee shall be to:
 - a. draft requests for advice under the Memorandum of Understanding with the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea;
 - b. Review proposals for management measures, submitted by Contracting Parties, to take due account of the impact of fisheries on other species and marine ecosystems and of the need to conserve marine biological diversity, and in doing so propose, where necessary, conservation and management measures that address the need to minimise harmful impacts on living marine resources and marine ecosystems; and
 - c. provide the Commission with information on developments in science, technology and management tools to ensure that management measures are based on the best scientific evidence available i.e. changes in assessment methods, changes in the perception of data and progress with respect to moving from stock based advice to fishery based advice as well as monitoring the progress of the ecosystem approach and the integration of fisheries management and environmental concerns;
 - d. at the request of the Commission review the effectiveness of the management measures and plans agreed;
 - e. review the support of conduct of scientific research to be used in the advisory process and possible NEAFC initiatives in this respect;
 - f. consider such other management and science matters as may be referred by the Commission ;
 - g. report its findings, conclusions and/or proposals to the Commission.
2. The Committee shall work by correspondence and the Secretariat shall propose solutions, which allow the optimum use of electronic communication and the NEAFC website. The



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Committee may meet in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and inter-sessionally if deemed necessary by the Commission.

3. The Committee may establish, with the approval of the Commission, such subsidiary bodies as are necessary for the performance of its functions.