Model Framework Arrangement, 
one example of how a framework arrangement can be formulated

FRAMEWORK ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN [PARTIES] ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF [STOCK] IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC

Delegations from [list of the parties] (hereafter “the Parties”) met in [place] on [time] to consult on a Framework Arrangement on the management of [the stock]. The delegations were headed by [list of Heads of Delegations]. Delegations from [list of delegations] attended as observers.

The Heads of Delegation agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the following fisheries arrangements on [stock]:

Consultations on management
1. The Parties shall meet every year for coastal State consultations where an annual Agreed Record for the conservation and management of the [stock] shall be adopted.

2. The Agreed Record shall include an annual total allowable catch which shall be in accordance with the Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) established pursuant to paragraph 3. In cases where there is no such agreed strategy, annual total allowable catch shall be based on the ICES advice.

3. A LTMS shall be established during [year] and, to that end, the request that is set out in Annex 1 shall be submitted to ICES.

4. Once adopted at coastal State consultations, the LTMS shall be added to this framework arrangement as Annex 2. The LTMS can be amended, by consensus, at annual coastal State consultations. ICES shall be requested to advise on whether the amended LTMS is precautionary.

5. On the basis of the measures agreed pursuant to this framework arrangement, the Parties shall formulate proposals for NEAFC Recommendations for [the stock] applicable to the NEAFC Regulatory Area.
Shares and access arrangements
6. The annual total allowable catch set pursuant to paragraph 2 of this arrangement shall be shared in the following way:
[Party A]: xx.xx %
[Party B]: xx.xx %
[Party C]: xx.xx %
[Party D]: xx.xx %
[Party E]: xx.xx %
[Other, as appropriate]: xx.xx %
[Total 100.00 %]

7. The Parties shall fish their allocated quota referred to in paragraph 6 in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction or in international waters. Parties may conclude between themselves access arrangements on [stock] in separate bilateral arrangements. The Parties concerned shall immediately notify such access arrangements to the other Parties.

Inter-annual quota flexibility
8. Consistent with the LTMS, the annual Agreed Record may include provisions on inter-annual quota flexibility.

Chairing of annual consultations
9. The annual consultations shall be chaired on a rotating basis by [list of the Parties, in the order they will have the Chair]. Responsibility for chairing the consultations shall be transferred to the succeeding Party at the beginning of the calendar year.

Communication of catches
10. Each Party shall by 15 April provide to the Chair information on their total catches in the previous year and on allocation of quotas to other Parties in both the previous year and the current year. The Parties shall provide information regarding catches in the format set out in Annex 3 to this framework arrangement.

11. The Chair shall by 1 May forward this information to all the Parties and to the NEAFC Secretary. The Chair may request the NEAFC Secretary to distribute this information to all NEAFC Contracting Parties and to make it available on the NEAFC website.

Control and enforcement
12. The following measures relating to control and enforcement shall apply to fisheries for [the stock]: [stock specific control measures].

Duration of the arrangement
13. This framework arrangement shall be in force from [date] and shall remain in force for [number of years, which shall be at least five years]. The arrangement shall continue to apply annually until a Party opts out pursuant to paragraph 14.

14. Any Party may opt out of this framework arrangement by giving a formal notification before 1 June after [the initial 4 years, or after any other period agreed on], containing at least an explanation/justification of why the Party has chosen to opt out of the
arrangement. The formal notification shall be transmitted to the chair, who shall distribute it without delay to all the Parties.

15. This framework arrangement shall remain in force also until at least the end of the year after the formal notification is submitted.

16. Immediately after receiving and distributing a formal notification, the chair shall initiate and organise the establishment relevant working groups of experts by the Parties to produce a report on zonal attachment and other relevant information. Such reports shall to the extent possible be based on agreed models. The report shall be concluded within six months.

17. After receiving and distributing a formal notification, the chair shall initiate and organise consultations among the parties with the aim of reaching a conclusion on a new framework arrangement before the time when this framework arrangement is no longer in force.

[place], [date]

Signatures

Annex 1
Request to ICES regarding a Long Term Management Strategy.

Annex 2
The adopted Long Term Management Strategy.

Annex 3
Format for providing information regarding catches. Agenda Item 17 AM 2017-06