PROPOSAL BY DENMARK (ON BEHALF OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND), THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, NORWAY AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION FOR A NEAFC RECOMMENDATION ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR MACKEREL.

In conformity with Article 5 of the Convention, the Contracting Parties have agreed as follows:

1. An allowable catch of 65,000 tonnes of mackerel is established for 2001 in areas beyond fisheries jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties in ICES areas IIa, IV, V, VI, VII and XII.

2. This allowable catch is established in order to ensure compatibility with the management measures adopted by the relevant coastal States. In this context, the European Community, the Faroe Islands and Norway informed that a total catch limitation of 574,000 tonnes has been adopted for their mackerel fishery in 2001, part of which may be fished in the area defined in paragraph 1.

3. The allowable catch for 2001 referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated as follows:

   The Russian Federation  38,000 tonnes*
   Denmark (on behalf of Faroes and Greenland)  122,000 tonnes
   The European Community
       Norway
   Iceland  2,500 tonnes
   Poland  1,500 tonnes
   Co-operation quota  1,000 tonnes

4. The allowable catch referred to in paragraph 3 shall for the year 2002 and subsequent years, according to the general stock development, be established on the basis of the relationship between the TAC set by the relevant coastal States and the allowable catch set for areas beyond the fisheries jurisdiction of Contracting Parties for 2001.

5. Likewise the quota allocations referred to in paragraph 3 shall for the year 2002 and subsequent years be adjusted according to the general stock development in such a manner that the relative relationship between the quotas allocated is maintained (Russian Federation – 47%, joint quota of the relevant coastal States – 47%, others– 6%).

6. The share-out of the joint quota of the relevant coastal States is to be decided between these Parties.

7. This recommendation may be revised on the basis of any new scientific advice from ICES.

* of which 8,000 tonnes is a transfer for 2001 from the joint quota of the relevant coastal States