1. Opening of the meeting
   The Chair Gylfi Geirsson (Iceland) welcomed the participants and encouraged them to continue the good work done to date.

2. Discussion and adoption of the Agenda
   The agenda was discussed and approved as circulated and it is annexed to this report.

3. Appointment of the rapporteur
   The Secretariat was appointed Rapporteur.

4. Proposal to PECMAC
   Document 2016-04-04 was briefly introduced by the Chair. The Chair noted that this working document aims to reply to the requests of the Commission expressed in ToR. There was some discussion on the way forward after the document is finalised. Concern was expressed that the current effort to have new ERS versions of the annexes of the Scheme of control and enforcement in the document may be premature. The new content of these annexes will be a consequence of the choices that either PECMAC or the Commission will have to make (UN/CEFACT or NAF-XML). Also noted was the need to clarify what the next steps will be and the implementation timeline.

   When considering the options ("Option 1" - NAF-XML and "Option 2" -FLUX-XML) in point 6 of the document it was agreed to give preference to Option 2. Nevertheless DFG, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation expressed reservations regarding technical implementation difficulties, costs, and also the level of technical support available from the EU when implementing FLUX-XML. Participants also discussed the idea that if for some reason “Option 2” will not work then PECMAC should consider implementation of “Option 1.”
It must be noted in this context that other Contracting Parties expect technical assistance from the European Union as the leading party in implementing the new UN/CEFACT P1000 standard and that they would be kept well informed of the implementing process through the NEAFC Secretariat.

**It was agreed** to implement “Option 2” in two steps. The first step would be to implement the FLUX transportation layer (FLUX TL) and VMS; the second step would be the full use of the system.

It was noted that FLUX TL can -transport NAF-XML. It was noted the need to have “old” systems running normally until tests are conclusive and the “new” systems are stable.

The participants continued to thoroughly review the document.

**It was agreed** to include at the top of the second page of the document the following:

The Working Group proposes to PECMAC to extend the mandate of the AHWG ERS to work out the details and to assess the consequences of using the UN/CEFACT standard. In particular, the Working Group should:

- Finalize business requirements in proposed amendments to the Scheme and the FLUX UN/CEFACT implementation document for the context of NEAFC (This document will contain the details of exactly what is required to be exchanged, including what will happen in cases of failure. Similar to, or incorporated into current Scheme Annexes but in greater detail).
- Test the FLUX transportation layer and the VMS data exchange with NEAFC Secretariat.
- EU and NEAFC Secretariat prepare a proof of concept for catch and activity reporting by June 2017 at the latest.
- Prepare a transition plan (Plan describing how the parties required to exchange data will get there and in what timescale; this should indicate an evaluation of the upgrade of NEAFC system)
- Draft a recommendation of a final decision on continuation of UN/CEFACT.

**It was agreed** that document 2016-04-04 Rev 2 a document without track changes will be presented to PECMAC meeting of 14/15 September. (Rev 1 of the document will be available showing all changes made).

The Chair briefly introduced document 2016-04-05 on the questions to be raised at PECMAC.

**It was agreed** that the document will be sent to the PECMAC meeting of 14/15 September.

5. **Any other business**

The Secretariat introduced document 2016-04-03 on the possible introduction of a “conditional” status in the Scheme annexes.

The objective is to end the ambiguity on the two existing statuses of “mandatory” or “optional”.

It was noted that the ambiguity can also be solved by using “mandatory if” and “optional if”.

It was agreed that this is a valid approach and that the Secretariat is encouraged to further develop the document.
6. **Report to the September 2016 meeting of PEPCMAC**  
   The Chair will report to the PEPCMAC meeting of 14/15 September.

7. **Date and place of the next meeting**  
   PEPCMAC will mandate the working group to organise additional meetings.

8. **Closure of the meeting**  
   The Chair closed the meeting by thanking the participants and the Secretariat for the good work and wished all a safe return home.