Proposal by PECMAC for a Recommendation on
Article 27 and Annex XVI of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement

**Background**
In certain cases during an inspection at port, especially when the landing takes long time, the master of the vessel may not be available to sign the inspection report when the inspection is completed. In such cases, it would appropriate to allow a representative of the master, designated according to national requirements, to provide comments and sign the port inspection report. Therefore, the PECMAC proposes that Article 27(2) of the Scheme and Part D of Annex XVI of the Scheme be amended as shown below:

**Recommendation XX : 2020**

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As proposed by PECMAC, the Commission hereby adopts the following recommendation pursuant to Article 8 of the Convention:

**Article 27 - Inspection Reports**

1. Each inspection shall be documented by completing a Port State Control inspection report (PSC 3) as set out in Annex XVI.
2. The inspection report may be commented upon and shall be signed by the inspectors and the master or their representative of the master at the end of the inspection. A copy of the inspection report shall be given to the master of the fishing vessel or their representative of the master.

**Part D of Annex XVI:**

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<th>D. OBSERVATIONS BY THE MASTER/REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MASTER</th>
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I, the undersigned, Master/Representative of the Master of the vessel...

hereby confirm that a copy of this report have been delivered to me on this date. My signature does not constitute acceptance of any part of the contents of this report, except my own observations, if any.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________