PROPOSAL BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Recommendation on Conservation and Management Measures for Mackerel in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2020

The Commission hereby adopts the following Recommendation pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention:

1. NEAFC notes that some Coastal States to the management of the mackerel stock have agreed that the level of total catches of mackerel in 2020 should be no more than 922,064 tonnes as advised by ICES.

2. Each Contracting Party shall establish conservation and management measures for its mackerel fishery in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2020.

3. Conservation and management measures shall include catch limits.

4. Only vessels entitled to fly the flag of a NEAFC Contracting Party, have been authorized by its flag State to fish for mackerel in the NEAFC Regulatory Area, may take part in the fishery.

5. Each Contracting Party shall notify the conservation and management measures it has taken to the Secretary by 1 May 2020. The Secretary shall without delay notify these measures to the other Contracting Parties.

6. Each Contracting Party may transfer unutilized quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2019 to the quota established by that Party for 2020. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2020.

   In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2019, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2020.

7. Each Contracting Party may transfer unutilized quantities of up to 10% of the quota established by the Party for 2020 to the quota established by that Party for 2021. Such transfer shall be in addition to the quota established by the Party concerned for 2021.

   In the event of overfishing of quotas by any Contracting Party in 2020, the quantity overfished shall be deducted from the quota for that Party or those Parties for 2021.

8. These conservation and management measures shall be without prejudice to any future conservation and management measures to be taken for mackerel in the North-East Atlantic.