RECOMMENDATION I FROM THE 23RD ANNUAL MEETING

NEAFC RECOMMENDATION ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR MACKEREL IN 2005 BY DENMARK (ON BEHALF OF THE FAROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND), THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NORWAY

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

1. An allowable catch of 40,185 tonnes of mackerel is established for 2005 in areas beyond fisheries jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties in ICES area IIa, 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 NEAFC that a total catch limitation of 354,942 tonnes has been adopted for their mackerel fishery in 2005, part of which may be fished in the area defined in paragraph 1.

3. The allowable catch for 2005 referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated as follows:

   Russian Federation 18,887 tonnes
   Denmark (on behalf of Faroe Islands and Greenland)
   European Community 20,092 tonnes
   Norway
   Iceland 1,206 tonnes

4. These allocations may also be fished within areas of national jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties.

5. The allowable catch referred to in paragraph 3 shall for 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 2005.

6. Likewise, the quota allocations referred to in paragraph 3 shall for subsequent years be adjusted according to the general stock development in such a manner that the relative relationship between the quotas allocated is maintained.

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