1. **Opening of the meeting**
The Chair, Terje Løbach, Norway, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates.

Four of the five Contracting Parties, Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland), the European Union, Norway and Iceland, were represented.

2. **Adoption of the agenda and appointment of rapporteur**
As proposed by one Contracting Party, it was agreed that this meeting would focus on formulating the definitions of the allocation criteria and a proposal to the NEAFC Commission regarding those. Other issues, i.e. reference periods, weighting of criteria and time periods, would only be dealt with once there was a conclusion regarding the criteria.

The agenda was adopted in the form that had been circulated before the meeting. However, in light of the above, it was noted that no discussions would take place at this meeting under agenda sub-items 3.2, 3.3 or 3.4.

The Secretary was appointed as rapporteur.

3. **Consideration of individual points in the Working Group’s Terms of Reference**
   1. **The criteria for quota allocations on stocks occurring in the North-East Atlantic, both discrete stocks in the Regulatory Area and straddling stocks occurring both in the waters of the Coastal States and the Regulatory Area**

There were in-depth discussions under this agenda sub-item on the various potential allocation criteria. These discussions built on the basis that had been created at previous meetings of the Working Group.
The delegates cooperated in the drafting of an informal working document, where the different criteria were listed and clarified, but no final agreement was made on the issues that were reflected in this informal working document.

**It was agreed** that while progress had been made in addressing the tasks given to the Working Group, further discussions would be needed before those tasks could be finalised and further work would be needed before proposals to the NEAFC Commission could be formulated.

- **2. The appropriate reference period**
- **3. The weighting to be given to each of those criteria**
- **4. The minimum time period for which the allocation criteria should apply and the consequent timing of any review**

No discussions took place under agenda sub-items 3.2, 3.3 or 3.4.

**4. Formulation of possible proposals to the 2017 Annual Meeting**

No proposals to the 2017 Annual Meeting were formulated at this meeting.

**5. Any other business**

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

**6. Arrangements for possible additional meetings of the Working Group**

No additional meetings of the Working Group will be held in 2017.

**7. Report of the meeting**

The report was adopted on 9 June 2017.

**8. Closing of the meeting**

The Chair thanked all the participants for a fruitful meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home.