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

All Contracting Parties were represented.

2. **Adoption of the agenda and appointment of rapporteur**
The agenda was adopted in the form that had been circulated before the meeting.

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
   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

There were lengthy discussions under agenda item 3, where many issues were raised. These discussions built on the basis that had been created at the first two meetings of the group in February and April.

The conclusion of the discussions was the proposal to the NEAFC Commission, as set out in this report under agenda item 4.

4. **Formulation of possible proposals to the 2016 Annual Meeting**
Following the discussions under agenda item 3, it was agreed to forward proposals to the NEAFC Commission, as set out in document WG-AC-2016 which is Annex 1 to this report.

It was noted that the proposal did not include definitions of the selected criteria. Further work on the issue of allocation criteria might therefore be needed.
5. **Any other business**
No issues were raised under this agenda item.

6. **Arrangements for possible additional meetings of the Working Group**
It was agreed that the Working Group would not meet again before the 2016 NEAFC Annual Meeting.

7. **Report of the meeting**
The report of the meeting was adopted on 21 September 2016.

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