1. Opening of the meeting
The Chair, Andrew Thomson, EU, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates.

All Contracting Parties were represented.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
Andrew Thomson, EU, had been elected as Chair of the Working Group intersessionally after the group’s first meeting. No further action was taken under this agenda item.

3. 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.

4. Consideration of individual points in the Working Group’s Terms of Reference
   1. A common approach to the conduct of negotiations taking into account international principles and guidelines as well as good practices
   2. Rules on the duration, termination and opting out of coastal State arrangements; and a negotiation process in the event that the arrangement ceases to function
   3. The process to be followed in the case of negotiating a new arrangement, e.g. the developing of a report of the parties on the recent trends in the spatial distribution of the stock(s) and associated catches
   4. A model arrangement, including management options
   5. Practical arrangements on the organisation of the coastal State negotiations, including inter alia, location; timing and duration; and the possible role of the NEAFC secretariat to the negotiations
   6. Rules of procedure to address inter alia, agenda, appointment and role of chairperson(s); use of media; and presence of observers

There were lengthy discussions under agenda item 4, where many issues were raised. The delegates cooperated in the drafting of informal working documents, but no final agreement was made on the issues that were reflected in those working documents.

The Contracting Parties agreed that significant progress had been made in addressing the tasks given to the Working Group. However, further discussions would be needed before those tasks could be
finalised and further work would be needed before proposals to the Annual Meeting could be formulated.

The Contracting Parties agreed that it might be helpful for discussions at the next meeting of the Working Group if those intending to raise new substantive points would submit these points to the Chair in advance, so that he could incorporate them in any preparation for the next meeting. It was agreed that delegations should aim at sending such comments to the Chair by 24 June.

5. **Formulation of proposals to the 2016 Annual Meeting**
No proposals to the 2016 Annual Meeting were formulated at this meeting.

6. **Any other business**
No issues were raised under this agenda item.

7. **Arrangements for possible additional meetings of the Working Group**
It was agreed to hold another meeting of the Working Group at the NEAFC office in Berners Street in September 2016.

8. **Report of the meeting**
The report of the meeting was adopted on 19 May 2016.

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