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Resolution of the Fisheries Commission
of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization

The Fisheries Commission,

Recalling its decision at the Ninth Annual Meeting to establish an Annual Scientific Program in order to improve scientific knowledge on the status of the fish stocks in the Regulatory Area, and its request that the Scientific Council prepare a report for the 1988 Annual Meeting, and,

Noting the response of the Scientific Council, contained in particular in FC Doc. 88/05 but also in SCS Doc. 88/19 and SCS Doc. 88/20,

Accepts the Scientific Council recommendation that existing scientific surveys be continued and that any new research efforts be addressed towards completing scientific objectives currently in place;

Urges those Contracting Parties which have not recently conducted research surveys to resume such work;

Calls upon Contracting Parties to ensure the provision to NAFO of complete and accurate statistical reports regarding catches, discards and directed fishing efforts, so as to rectify the information deficiencies outlined in FC Doc. 88/05;

Calls also upon Contracting Parties to improve and extend biological sampling of stocks in the Regulatory Area by specialized personnel, either unilaterally or through bilateral cooperative program where appropriate, in order to rectify the information deficiencies outlined in FC Doc. 88/05;

Requests the Executive Secretary and Contracting Parties individually to contact non-members of NAFO, whose nationals fish in the Regulatory Area, to request them to provide NAFO with complete and accurate statistical reports and to cooperate fully with the NAFO Scientific Program; and,

Requests the Scientific Council to evaluate the progress of this program in a report at the 1989 Annual Meeting.