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Subject: EU/Norway: Consultation on specific control measures to eliminate slipping, discards and high-grading in pelagic fisheries

Dear Mr McSween,

I have the honour to contact you concerning certain measures referred to in the Agreed Record of Fisheries Consultations between Norway and the European Union for 2011.

The terms of reference for the Working Group of Control Experts, set out in Annex XV of the Agreed Record for 2011, include under the heading "slipping, discards and high-grading":

- *Define the scope of a possible pilot project for using the fish flow meter as a control tool on board vessels fishing for mackerel and for the use of CTTV/Video on board to control slipping, discards and high-grading*
- *Review how the master might be able to assess the size and composition of the target shoal before commencing the commercial fishing operation*
- *Follow up if the industry should be requested to examine how the installation and location of the equipment on the vessel could be configured in such a way as to prevent the return of the relevant species to the sea after grading*

We would appreciate receiving the industry views on these issues at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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