

**AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS  
BETWEEN THE FAROE ISLANDS, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NORWAY ON THE  
MANAGEMENT OF MACKEREL IN THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC FOR 2016**

**CLONAKILTY, 23 OCTOBER 2015**

1. Delegations from the Faroe Islands, the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Greenland met in Clonakilty from 20 to 22 October to consult on the management of mackerel for 2016. Regrettably a consensus could not be found, at this stage, allowing for the accession of other Parties to the Fisheries Arrangement between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on the management of mackerel in the North-East Atlantic from 2014-2018 (hereinafter referred to as the 2014 Mackerel Arrangement). It was agreed that a further meeting on this subject would be held during November 2015.
2. Subsequently, the Delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, the Delegation from the European Union, headed by Mr John SPENCER, and the Delegation from Norway, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG, continued the consultations in Clonakilty on 22 and 23 October 2015 on the management of mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic for 2016.
3. The Delegations recalled the 2014 Mackerel Arrangement, signed in London on 12 March 2014.
4. The Heads of Delegation agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangements for the management of mackerel for 2016, as set out in this Agreed Record.
5. This arrangement constitutes an *ad hoc* arrangement, it being without prejudice to future fisheries arrangements between the Parties.

**Management**

6. The Delegations noted the latest annual advice from ICES for mackerel in the Northeast Atlantic.
7. The Delegations recalled the commitment made by the Parties in March 2014 to establish a long-term management strategy. To this end, the Delegations agreed a long-term management strategy for mackerel. This strategy is attached as Annex 1. The Delegations agreed that it would be applied for the management of the mackerel stock in 2016.
8. The Delegations agreed that this long-term management strategy would be submitted to ICES for its evaluation during 2016. Furthermore, the Delegations agreed to request ICES to perform a benchmarking exercise for Northeast Atlantic mackerel and deliver a report on the basis of the results of this benchmark by 31 May 2017.

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