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FISHERY COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC

SIXTEENTH SESSION

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REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of the Committee shall be to promote the sustainable utilization of the living marine resources of the area defined under paragraph 1 above, by the proper management and development of the fisheries and fishing operations. To this end, it shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. to keep under review the state of these resources and of the industries based on them;
- b. to promote, encourage and coordinate research in the area related to the living resources thereof and to draw up programmes required for this purpose and to organize such research as may appear necessary;
- c. to promote the collection, interchange, dissemination and analysis or study of statistical, biological, environmental and socio-economic data and other marine fishery information;
- d. to establish the scientific basis for regulatory measures leading to the conservation and management of marine fishery resources, to formulate such measures through subsidiary bodies, as required, to make appropriate recommendations for the adoption and implementation of these measures and to provide advice for the adoption of regulatory measures by Member Governments, sub-regional or regional organizations, as appropriate;
- e. to provide advice on monitoring, control and surveillance, especially as regards issues of a sub-regional and regional nature;
- f. to encourage, recommend and coordinate training in the priority areas of the Committee;
- g. to promote and encourage the utilization of the most appropriate fishing craft, gear and techniques;
- h. to promote liaison among and with competent institutions within the sea area served by the Committee and to propose and keep under review working arrangements with other international organizations which have related objectives within that area, insofar as the Constitution, the General Rules, regulations and facilities of the Organization permit; and
- i. to carry out such other activities as may be necessary for the Committee to achieve its purpose, as defined above.

The fulfilment of these terms of reference requires an increased commitment on the part of the Members to take an active participation in the work of the Committee by providing all relevant data and information on a systematic basis, and by contributing actively towards the achievements of the Committee's goals.