# AGREED RECORD

# OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2007

- 1. A Delegation of the European Community, headed by Mr Constantin Alexandrou, a Delegation of the Faroe Islands, headed by Ms Kate Sanderson, a Delegation of Iceland, headed by Mr Stefán Ásmundsson, a Delegation of Norway, headed by Mr Per Ludvig Magnus, and a Delegation of the Russian Federation, headed by Mr Mikhail Mamonov, met in Oslo on 14-18 January 2007 to consult on the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock for 2007. This meeting was a continuation of meetings held in Oslo 4-5 December and 17-19 December 2006.
- 2. The Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangement for the regulation of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in 2007 set out in Annex I to this Agreed Record. The Delegations stated their intention of seeking stability in the relative shares of the Parties in arrangements for future years. Furthermore, they agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the long-term management arrangement set out in Annex II.
- 3. This Agreed Record, including the bilateral arrangements related to the implementation of this Agreed Record, shall be applied provisionally from 18 January 2007 and enter into force when all Parties have notified each other of the completion of their necessary procedures.
- 4. The Delegations agreed to request Norway as host of the consultations, to provide the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NEAFC) with a copy of this Agreed Record and its Annexes.

Done at Oslo, 18 January 2007 in five originals in English.

For the Delegation of the European Community

For the Delegation of the Faroe Islands

Kate SANDERSON

For the Delegation of Iceland

Stefán ÁSMUNDSSON

For the Delegation of Norway

For the Delegation of the Russian Federation

Mikhail MAMONOV

# ANNEX I

1. The Parties agreed on a TAC (total allowable catch) for the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring of 1,280,000 tonnes in 2007.

2. In keeping with the above, the Parties agreed to restrict their fishing on the herring stock in 2007 on the basis of the following quotas:

European Community	83,328 tonnes
Faroe Islands	66,048 tonnes
Iceland	185,728 tonnes
Norway	780,800 tonnes
Russian Federation	164,096 tonnes

3. Further arrangements, including arrangements for access and other conditions for fishing in the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties, are regulated by bilateral arrangements.

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#### **ANNEX II**

ARRANGEMENT ON THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK

The Parties agreed to implement a long-term management plan for the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock, which is consistent with a precautionary approach, intended to constrain harvesting within safe biological limits and designed to provide for sustainable fisheries. The plan shall consist of the following:

- 1. Every effort shall be made to maintain a level Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) greater than the critical level (B<sub>lim</sub>) of 2,500,000 tonnes.
- 2. For the year 2007 and subsequent years, the Parties agreed to restrict their fishing on the basis of a TAC consistent with a fishing mortality rate of less than 0.125 for appropriate age groups as defined by ICES, unless future scientific advise requires modification of this fishing mortality rate.
- 3. Should the SSB fall below a reference point of 5,000,000 tonnes (B<sub>pa</sub>), the fishing mortality rate, referred to under paragraph 2, shall be adapted in the light of scientific estimates of the conditions then prevailing to ensure a safe and rapid recovery of the SSB to a level in excess of 5,000,000 tonnes. The basis for such adaptation should be at least a linear reduction in the fishing mortality rate from 0.125 at B<sub>pa</sub> (5,000,000 tonnes) to 0.05 at B<sub>lim</sub> (2,500,000 tonnes).
- 4. The Parties shall, as appropriate, review and revise these management measures and strategies on the basis of any new advice provided by ICES.

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With reference to the Agreed Record signed today between the European Community, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation on the management of the Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring (Atlanto-Scandian Herring) in the Northeast Atlantic in 2007, the Russian Delegation has requested the Faroese Delegation to consider the possibility for the Russian Federation to fish a limited amount of its quota in the Faroese Fishery Zone.

The Faroese Delegation has expressed it readiness to consider the Russian request. The details will be negotiated separately at a later date.

Oslo, 18 January 2007

For the Delegation of the Faroe Islands:

Kate Sanderson

For the Delegation of the

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Mikhail Mamonov

# ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN ICELAND AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON ACCESS TO THE ICELANDIC ECONOMIC ZONE IN 2007

- 1. With reference to the Agreed Record of Conclusions signed today between the European Community, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2007, the Delegations of Iceland and the Russian Federation have agreed that Russian fishing vessels shall be granted access in 2007 to take up to 5.514 tonnes of herring within the Icelandic Economic Zone outeside a line drawn between the following points:
  - A. 64°00′N 09°00′W B. 67°00′N - 09°00′W C. 69°25′N - 13°00′W
- 2. The parties will agree upon further provisions on the conditions of the fisheries

Oslo 18 January 2007

For the delegation of Iceland

Stefán ÁSMUNDSSON

For the delegation

of the Russian Federation

Mikael MAMONOV

With reference to the Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2007 between the European Community, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation of 18 January 2007, separate bilateral arrangements on access to the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties have been concluded.

The following arrangement between the Faroe Islands and Norway will be applied:

Within the framework of the above five party arrangement the Faroe Islands is granted access to fish 39,000 tonnes of herring in areas under Norwegian fisheries jurisdiction North of 62°N, of which a maximum of 29,000 tonnes may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone.

Norway is granted access to fish 30,000 tonnes of herring in the Faroese Fisheries Zone.

Specific conditions pertaining to the conduct of the fishery will be agreed upon at a later stage.

For the Delegation of the Faroe Islands

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With reference to Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2007 between the European Community, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation of 18 January 2007, separate bilateral arrangements on access to the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties have been concluded.

The following arrangement between the European Community and Norway will be applied:

Within the framework of the above five party arrangement the European Community is granted access to fish 74,995 tonnes of herring in areas under Norwegian fisheries jurisdiction North of 62°N.

Norway is granted access to fish 74,995 tonnes of herring in Community waters North of 62°N.

Licence arrangements are to be agreed upon at a later stage.

For the Delegation of the European Community

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For the Delegation of Norway

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With reference to Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2007 between the European Community, the Faroe Icelands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation of 18 January 2007, separate bilateral arrangements on access to the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties have been concluded.

The following arrangement between Norway and the Russian Federation will be applied:

Within the framework of the above five party arrangement the Russian Federation is granted access to fish 164,096 tonnes of herring in the Norwegian Economic Zone, the Fisheries Zone around Jan Mayen, and the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard.

For the Delegation of the

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#### **ARRANGEMENT**

between Iceland and Norway on access to the Norwegian Economic Zone North of 62°N, the Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen, and the Icelandic Economic Zone.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Agreed Record of Conclusion of Fisheries Consultations on the Management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock in the North-East Atlantic for 2007 between the European Community, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation of 18 January 2007, separate bilateral arrangements on access to the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction of the Parties have been concluded.

The following arrangement between Iceland and Norway shall apply:

Icelandic fishing vessels are granted access in 2007 to fish 185,728 tonnes of herring in the Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen or in the Norwegian Economic Zone North of 62°N, of which a maximum of 34,560 tonnes of herring may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone North of 62°N.

Norwegian fishing vessels are granted access in 2007 to fish 90,000 tonnes of herring in the Icelandic Economic Zone.

In the event that Icelandic fishing vessels catch less than 25,600 tonnes of herring in the Norwegian Economic Zone North of 62°N during 2007, Norway will transfer 1,280 tonnes of its herring quota for 2008 to Iceland.

The Parties will agree upon further provisions on the conditions of the fisheries.

Done at Oslo, 18 January 2007.

For the Icelandic delegation

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