



Submission by the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission

regarding

Part I of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/70

The following is the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission's (NEAFC) contribution to the preparation of Part I of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/70, as requested in a letter from Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, dated 10 December 2013 (your reference LOS/SGR/2014).

NEAFC is a regional fisheries management organisation dealing with fisheries for stocks that occur in the high seas of the North East Atlantic. Its objective is to ensure the long-term conservation and optimum utilisation of the fishery resources in the Convention Area, providing sustainable economic, environmental and social benefits.

In carrying out its objective, NEAFC contributes to food security and economic well-being, and thereby to increasing the role of seafood in global food security. The work of NEAFC is focused on ensuring sustainability and effectiveness in fisheries, and that the fisheries do not result in a significant adverse impact on other parts of the marine ecosystem.

However, despite NEAFC clearly making contributions to food security, no part of NEAFC's work is explicitly aimed at promoting food security as such. There are therefore no specific activities within NEAFC to report on in the explicit context of food security, nor are there in this context matters that have been identified within NEAFC as needing enhancement of coordination and cooperation at the intergovernmental and inter-agency level.

The NEAFC Contracting Parties are Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland), the European Union, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation. They may have issues to raise in this context, but such issues are not raised through NEAFC at this time.

It is noted that an invitation to contribute to Part II of the report regarding all other developments in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea is expected to be sent in due course. NEAFC will have a more substantive contribution regarding that part.

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