AGREED RECORD

OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERIES ON THE STOCK OF NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC

- 1. A Delegation of Norway, headed by Mr. Per Ludvig MAGNUS and a Delegation of the European Community, headed by Mr. Constantin ALEXANDROU, met in Oslo on 8 and 9 December 2005 to consult on the management of the fisheries on the stock of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic.
- 2. The Delegations agreed that it is of the utmost importance that a satisfactory agreement is reached on the management of the fisheries on the stock of the Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic in the framework of the coastal States as well as in the context of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC). To this end, the Parties confirmed their willingness to work together constructively at both a bilateral level and with all other relevant Parties in the North-East Atlantic to resolve this issue in a responsible manner.
- 3. In the absence of a coastal State agreement and an agreement in the context of NEAFC, the Heads of Delegation agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the *ad hoc* arrangement between Norway and the European Community on the management of their respective fisheries on Norwegian springspawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in 2006 as set out in the Annex to this Agreed Record. The Delegations agreed that this arrangement is without prejudice to any future arrangement agreed by the Parties or by the coastal States on this stock.
- 4. The Norwegian Delegation confirmed that on the entry into force of the arrangement set out in the Annex to this Agreed Record, Norway would remove any prohibition applied to landings of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in Norwegian ports by Community vessels.

Oslo, 9 December 2005

For the Delegation of Norway

For the Delegation of the European Community

ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FOR 2006

- 1. The Parties will establish catch limits for their fisheries on the Norwegian springspawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring stock on the basis of the state of the stock as assessed by ICES.
- 2. In keeping with the above, the Delegations agreed to restrict their fishing on the herring stock in 2006 to a level of no more than:

• European Community

62,000 tonnes

Norway

564,200 tonnes

- 3. Within the catch limits established by the Parties in accordance with their individual legislation, the Parties may conclude bilateral arrangements with other Parties, including arrangements for access and transfers of fishing possibilities on the Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring.
- 4. The European Community is granted access to fish 62,000 tonnes of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N and the Fishery Zone around Jan Mayen.
- 5. Norway is granted access to fish 62,000 tonnes of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in Community fishing waters north of 62°N.
- 6. The Delegations agree to inform NEAFC accordingly.