AGREED RECORD

OF CONCLUSIONS OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THE FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND, NORWAY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN)

HERRING IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC IN 2022

London, 26 October 2021

- 1. A delegation from the Russian Federation, headed by Ms Anna SHULAEVA, a delegation from the Faroe Islands, headed by Mr Herluf SIGVALDSSON, a delegation from Iceland, headed by Mr Kristján Freyr HELGASON, a delegation from Norway headed by Mr Vidar LANDMARK, and a delegation from the United Kingdom headed by Mr Will FRANCIS met in London on 26 October 2021 to consult on the management of the Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring stock in the North-East Atlantic in 2022.
- 2. A delegation from the European Union, headed by Mr. Joost Paardekooper and a delegation from Greenland, headed by Mr Jákup Emil Hansen, attended the meeting as observers.
- 3. The delegations noted that the agreed long-term management strategy for Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring dated 6 November 2018 is regarded by ICES as consistent with the precautionary approach (Annex I).
- 4. In accordance with the ICES advice, the delegations agreed that the level of catches of Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic for 2022 should be no more than 598 588 tonnes. The delegations agreed that establishing unilateral quotas for 2022 does not in any way imply the acceptance of the level of these quotas by any Party.
- 5. The delegations agreed that the Parties shall address the issue of a quota-sharing arrangement as early as possible in 2022.
- 6. The delegations encouraged the Parties to develop and coordinate their scientific research activities in order to improve the information available for the assessment and the management of this stock.
- 7. The delegations agreed to establish a Working Group, chaired by Norway in 2022 and subsequently chaired by a scientist from the party chairing the Coastal State consultations, to continue to update the Report of the Coastal States Working Group on the distribution of Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring in the North-East Atlantic and the Barents Sea.
- 8. The delegations exchanged final quota and catch information for 2019 and 2020 as well as preliminary information for 2021 (Annex II). The delegations also exchanged information with regard to their fishing activities, including exchanges and access provisions (Annex III).

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- 9. The delegations agreed to continue to provide information in the same format as set out in Annex II and Annex III to this Agreed Record. Each Party shall, by 1 May 2022, provide updated information in this regard to the United Kingdom as host of the consultations for 2023. The United Kingdom shall forward this information as soon as possible to all Parties to this Agreed Record.
- 10. The delegations agreed that the Parties may fish Norwegian Spring-Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring within their quotas in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction and in international waters.
- 11. The delegations agreed that further arrangements by the Parties, including arrangements for access, quota transfers and other conditions for fishing in the respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction, are regulated by bilateral arrangements.

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LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

FOR THE NORWEGIAN SPRING SPAWNING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN) HERRING STOCK

- 1. The Parties agree to implement a long-term management strategy for the fisheries on the Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) Herring stock, which is consistent with the precautionary approach and the MSY approach, aiming at ensuring harvest rates within safe biological limits.
- 2. For the purpose of this long-term management strategy, in the following text, "TAC" means the total allowable catch as agreed by Coastal States.
- 3. As a priority, the long-term management strategy shall ensure with high probability that the size of the stock is maintained above B_{lim}.
- 4. In the case that the spawning biomass is forecast to be above or equal to $B_{trigger}$ (= B_{pa}) on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed to a fishing mortality of F_{mgt} =0.14.
- 5. Where the rules in paragraph 4 would lead to a TAC, that deviates by more than 20% below or 25% above the TAC of the preceding year, the Parties shall fix a TAC that is respectively no more than 20% less or 25% more than the TAC of the preceding year. The TAC constraint shall not apply if the spawning biomass at 1 January in the year for which the TAC is to be set is less than B_{trigger}
- 6. In the case that the spawning biomass (SSB) is forecast to be less than the precautionary biomass (B_{trigger}) but above or equal to B_{lim} on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC shall be fixed at a level that is consistent with a fishing mortality given by:

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$$F = 0.05 + [(SSB - B_{1im})*(F_{mgt} - 0.05) I(B_{trigger} - B_{lim})]$$

7. In the case that the spawning biomass is forecast to be less than B_{lim} on 1 January of the year for which the TAC is to be set, the TAC will be fixed corresponding to a fishing mortality F=0.05.

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- 8. Each Party may transfer to the following year unutilised quantities of up to 10% of the quota allocated to it. The quantity transferred shall be in addition to the quota allocated to the Party concerned in the following year.
- 9. Each Party may authorise fishing by its vessels of up to 10% beyond the quota allocated. However, this shall not apply if the stock is forecast to be under B_{trigger} at the end of the TAC year. All quantities fished beyond the allocated quota for one year shall be deducted from the Party's quota allocated for the following year.
- 10. The Parties, on the basis of ICES advice, shall review this long-term management strategy at intervals not exceeding five years. The first such review shall take place no later than 2023, in time for ICES to issue advice for 2024.

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ANNEX II

Reporting of quotas and catches of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic - 2019-2021

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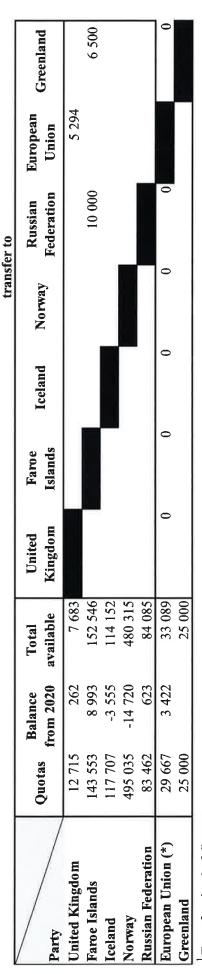
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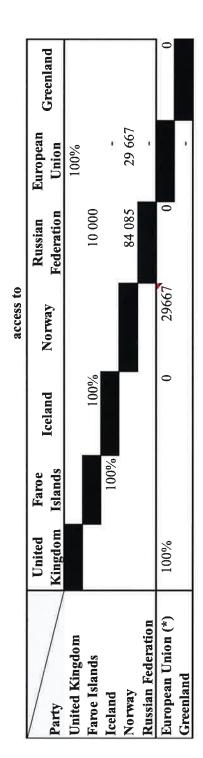
ANNEX III

Transfers in 2021



Transfers imply full access

Access arrangements in 2021



^{*} Pending the conclusion of all EU's fisheries consultations for 2021, the figure provided is at this stage provisional. Once EU has concluded all its annual consultations, the definitive figure will be provided (last update 26/10/2021)

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