



**Submission by the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission**

**regarding the report of the Secretary General of the United Nations on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/73**

The following is the contribution by the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)

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considering the effects of fisheries on the other parts of the marine ecosystem and on biodiversity, NEAFC's legal competence remains limited to managing fisheries. The fact that the vulnerable marine ecosystems that NEAFC is making efforts to protect can be affected by human activities other than fishing has led NEAFC to work with other organisations, with complementary legal competences, such as the OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic. Under a May 2018 Berlin meeting of the 'collective arrangement between competent international