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The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations regrets that, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, the Government of Iceland has not yet submitted information on the actions taken pursuant to paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 121 of resolution 67/19, paragraphs 121, 126, 127, 130 and 132 to 134 of resolution 67/19, and paragraphs 175, 177 to 179 of resolution 71/100, relating to the implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, in particular with regard to the management of fisheries and the protection of marine stocks.

The Government of Iceland is pleased to submit the following information:

Icelandic vessels are permitted to fish in international waters in order to fulfil their general obligations of conserving living marine resources and to ensure the sustainability of the fishing industry. Iceland's Exclusive Economic Zone and regulations on fishing in the zone are in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Further, the management measures which have been adopted by the Regional Fisheries Management Organisations of which Iceland is a member and to which Icelandic vessels are subject to, are in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Icelandic vessels are permitted to fish in deep-sea fisheries in the North Atlantic Ocean. The Regional Fisheries Management Organisations have undertaken comprehensive work in implementing the International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries in the High Seas of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (The FAO Guidelines).

Icelandic representatives have taken active part in the implementation of the NEAFC Permanent Committee on Management and Science and the NEAFC Joint Fisheries Commission Scientific Group on Ecosystems. Icelandic experts take part in annual meetings in both organisations and through the work support the adoption of management measures which take into account the needs of the ecosystem and the sustainable management of fisheries. No reference is made to detailed submissions of NEAFC for implementation for further information on measures adopted.

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations for the assistance of its staff.

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