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DEVELOPMENT OR FISHING/MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH

Required by paragraph 5 of Rec. 17-02. Deadline: 15 September 2020

Rec. 17-02 indicates that: *“In the event of the modification its fishing/management plan, each CPC shall submit the updated version of its fishing/management plan to the Commission”*. It was agreed by the Commission that the resubmission of such reports would only be required in the event of changes. Plans received in previous years can be found on the meeting document websites. In 2020, the Secretariat has received updated plans from: Barbados, Belize, Canada, EU (France, Portugal, Spain), Korea, Japan, Morocco, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Chinese Taipei.

The Secretariat has noted a wide variety of “Reporting Years”: In some cases, reporting year is shown as the previous year (2019), in others current year (2020) and in others next year (2021). The Secretariat suggests that Panel 4 advise, in 2021, on the content of the plans to be submitted and the year to which reporting should pertain.

Given the discrepancies, and the fact that it is not expected that the measure for northern swordfish will be reviewed in 2020, the Management Plans are being made available in original format / language only this year, and are contained in **Annex 1**.