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LEADERSHIP OF CPMR ACTIVITIES IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR

Draft terms of reference for the lead region

1. DUTIES

The general task of the lead region shall be to provide the necessary resources to assist the CPMR General Secretariat in preparing policy positions (resolutions, technical papers, reports, etc.) for the CPMR's executive bodies (General Assembly, Political Bureau, Presidency) on all issues related to fisheries in the peripheral maritime regions and the Common Fisheries Policy.

II. LEADERSHIP – COORDINATION

This activity shall be led by:(*name of the region*)

The CPMR General Secretariat, in the person of François Desrentes, Director, shall be in charge of the technical coordination, in liaison with an officer appointed by the Regional Chair of(*region*) (cf. below)

..... (*region*) shall take the following measures in order to lead this activity:

- appoint and make available the services of a technical contact specialised in fisheries, who should devote the necessary amount of time to running this activity;
- organise one or more technical meetings a year;
- take part in meetings of the CPMR's executive bodies – General Assembly and Political Bureau meetings;
- provide funding for expertise where necessary, as defined by the group acting on a proposal by the General Secretariat and limited to €15,000 / year.

The CPMR shall provide secretarial services.

The CPMR General Secretariat shall coordinate any replies to calls for proposals in the fisheries sector.

III. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCTING WORK

The lead region shall be backed by a working group made up of two representatives from each Geographical Commission appointed by the Presidents of these Commissions (Baltic, North Sea, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Islands, Balkans and Black Sea). These representatives must have specialist knowledge in all or some of the areas within the scope of this activity, and may be either officers or politicians.

The CPMR General Secretariat shall ensure coordination with the fisheries groups of each of the Geographical Commissions.

Positions drawn up in the framework of this activity shall be submitted for approval to the CPMR Political Bureau and General Assembly.

Actions to be taken on this basis directed at European institutions or national governments shall be tabled for discussion by the Political Bureau. Delegations responsible for meetings with community or national officials shall be constituted in association with the Political Bureau.

IV. AREAS OF JOINT ACTION

Work areas for the next three years ((2005, 2006 and 2007) shall concern:

- monitoring the regulatory provisions on the Common Fisheries Policy, and drawing up opinions on the draft regulations on the implementation of the future fisheries fund (establishing a policy position);
- arrangements concerning regional government participation in the Fisheries Advisory Committees set up as part of the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy and, more generally, organising a partnership between the maritime regions and political and socio-professional bodies involved in the fisheries sector (partnership actions);
- drafting positions for the peripheral maritime regions on issues relating to the fisheries sector and circulating them among the relevant EU and Member State authorities (lobbying);
- improving the level of information of the maritime regions and encouraging exchanges of experiences between the regions, professionals from this sector, scientists, experts and decision-makers (information/communication activities).

V. OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The group's working languages shall be French and English.

Each member of the group shall cover his or her own travel and subsistence expenses.

The CPMR shall cover costs related to secretarial tasks and the organisation of meetings, in addition to translation expenses for papers submitted to the Political Bureau and General Assembly.

The cost of simultaneous translation (French/English) during the technical meetings of the working group shall be covered, where necessary, by the host region or (*region*)