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SUMMARY NOTE

NORTH WESTERN WATERS MEMBER STATES GROUP MEETING ON REGIONALISATION – LANDING OBLIGATION

MADRID, 20 MAY 2014

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As agreed I made a brief intervention at the NWW Member States Grouping on behalf of the NWWAC and I mentioned at the outset that the short notice of the meeting only issued on Friday morning was not satisfactory. The MS Chairman apologised about this and said it was an unfortunate mix up on their side.

I informed them that the fishery information (numbers of vessels and catches, etc.) had been supplied in relation to Channel sprat but that NWWAC had not yet looked at the measures in relation to a discards plan. In relation to Argentines, I mentioned that this was a fishery only prosecuted by the Dutch even though a number of MS had quotas and that the main issue in relation to a discards plan was the blue whiting by- catch. I stressed like the Channel sprat that the NWWAC has not yet considered any measures in relation to a discards plan. I was requested that if the NWWAC had any measures to recommend it should do so as soon as possible as the NWW MS group intend to sign off on the discards plans in June. I was also asked whether or not NWWAC was dealing with albacore tuna and I stated that it was not.

In addition I mentioned that NWWAC was of the strong view that the rotating Chairmanship of the NWW MS group was not conducive to a good working structure and that the NWWAC Chairman (Bertie Armstrong) had mentioned this at the Paris meeting. There was no reaction to this other than to say the point was noted.