

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

**regarding**

**Part I of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/70**

The following is the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission to the preparation of Part I of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/70, as requested in a letter from Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, dated 10 December 2013 (your reference LOS/SGR/2014).

NEAFC is a regional fisheries management organisation dealing with fisheries for stocks that occur in the high seas of the North East Atlantic. Its objective is to ensure the long-term conservation and optimum utilisation of the fishery resources in the Convention Area, providing sustainable economic, environmental and social benefits.

In carrying out its objective, NEAFC contributes to food security and economic well-being, and thereby to increasing the role of seafood in global food security. The work of NEAFC is focused on ensuring sustainability and effectiveness in fisheries, and that the fisheries do not result in a significant adverse impact on other parts of the marine ecosystem.

However, despite NEAFC clearly making contributions to food security, no part work is explicitly aimed at promoting food security as such.