

**STATEMENT BY CHINESE TAIPEI TO PANEL 4 - ROUND #2**

Chinese Taipei would like to firstly begin by expressing its appreciation to Panel 4 Chair for trying to find a way to converge the 3 proposals on northern Atlantic shortfin mako (N-SMA). It is a pity that no consensus has been reached so far.

The SCRS has recommended that, to accelerate the rate of recovery and to increase the probability of success, the Commission adopt a non-retention policy without exception in the North Atlantic. It is also worth noting that, in the range of TAC projected, a zero TAC will allow the stock to be in the green quadrant of the Kobe plot by 2045 with a 53% probability, yet a TAC of 500 t, including dead discards, has only a 52% probability of rebuilding the stock to the green quadrant in 2070. The projections also indicated that lower TACs achieve rebuilding in shorter timeframes, but regardless of the TAC, the stock will continue to decline until 2035 before any biomass increases can occur, which clearly shows the dire stock status of N-SMA.

Bearing in mind the SCRS recommendations and after carefully reading the 3 proposals submitted respectively by the European Union (PA4-804), the United States (PA4-805), as well as Canada, Senegal, and United Kingdom (PA4-806), Chinese Taipei supports PA4-806, which is the one that follows the scientific advice, and wishes to be a co-sponsor of that proposal. It is hoped that a direct and straightforward measure that pays heed to the SCRS advice could be adopted in time to rebuild the declining N-SMA.