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Negotiating Directives

A. NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES

1. In the negotiations with Chile for the setting up of a fisheries cooperation framework for the conservation and management of swordfish and other species of common interest in the South Pacific Ocean, the Commission shall act so as to ensure that the agreement:
 - complies with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;
 - is in line with the principles set out in the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks and with the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas of 24 November 1993;
 - is aimed at establishing a permanent EC/Chile cooperation framework for the conservation and sustainable management of swordfish and other fish stocks of common interest occurring in the waters of the South Pacific Ocean.
 - foresees, through joint initiatives, the promotion of multilateral cooperation is enlarged to other parties involved in the swordfish and other fisheries of common interest which straddle between the EEZs and high seas of the South Pacific Ocean.
 - ensures effective access to Chilean ports for EC flagged vessels for transhipments and landings, as well as for logistical reasons which are fishing for swordfish and other species of common interest in the South Pacific Ocean, without prejudice to current operational practices.
2. The Commission will represent the Community at all stages during the negotiations.