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(A.c.4)ICNAF Comm.Doc. 72/28ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1972Statement by the Portuguese Delegation re withdrawal of
their Reservation as regards International Control

In the interest of the common goal of conservation and international control of fisheries, the Portuguese Government has instructed the undersigned as Portuguese Commissioner to the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries to ask the latter at its next Plenary Meeting to consider that Portugal will withdraw its reservation as regards international control, in relation to those countries with which Portugal does not maintain diplomatic relations.

The only condition for this withdrawal is that the countries concerned are willing, as we think they are, to accept our inspectors on an equal basis to any inspector of any other nationality just as the Portuguese will do in their own vessels, bearing in mind that we will respect their country's reservations as to the form and extent of the inspections as long as they keep to the same limits on board our own vessels.

(signed)

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