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***Proposal by the President
(Text to be inserted in the report of the meeting)***

Performance Review

The Council considered in some detail the request by the EU for a Performance Review of NASCO, in line with those requested of the various tuna RFMOs. The Council considered this request in the light of the Next Steps review process, which has been carried out in an open and public fashion over the past three years and the detailed nature of the decisions taken by Council to implement broad ranging changes in the manner in which NASCO operated and its relationship with its NGOs. While recognizing that an assessment of the work of NASCO, the Next Steps process and its performance would be a helpful and positive step, it was the Council's view that the timing of such a review was critically important given that the Organization was in the midst of implementing the core elements of the Next Steps process. The Council decided that it would in the future commission an external review to be carried out by an appropriately experienced team of reviewers and that it would return to this subject during the 2008 Annual Meeting with a view to deciding on the timing and terms of reference for such a review.