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Observance of the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (Draft Resolution)

Executive Summary

The 32nd Session of the Committee on Fisheries endorsed the proposal for the Declaration of the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, taking into account the entry into force, on 5 June 2016, of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing adopted by FAO in 2009. The entry into force of this agreement marks an historical event, in that it is the first international legally-binding instrument specifically devoted to the fight against IUU fishing. Furthermore, the FAO is the custodian organization for many SDG indicators and is directly contributing to SDG 14 (*Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development*). As this indicator vows, among others, to end IUU fishing, the FAO is expected to promote knowledge and raise awareness at all levels, including civil society and general public, on the threats posed by illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing to the conservation and sustainable use of fisheries.

Extract from CL 155/REP:

15. The Council:

- a) endorsed the draft Resolution “Observance of the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing” on 5 June, set out in *Appendix E*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption.

Suggested action by the Conference

The Conference may wish to approve the draft resolution in Annex and to request the Director-General to transmit it to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider, at its next session, declaring 5 June as the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

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Resolution/2017**Observance of the International Day for the
Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing****The Conference,**

Noting that fishing and aquaculture are human activities that provide high quality food, social and economic benefits, and contribute to nutrition and food security, poverty reduction and rural development;

Recognizing the importance of the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's oceans and their resources;

Deeply concerned that illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing continues to pose a serious threat to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of such resources;

Acknowledging the strenuous efforts by FAO to fight IUU fishing towards sustainable use of fisheries resources in the context of food security and eradication of hunger, thereby contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2 and 14;

Welcoming the entry into force on 5 June 2016 of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, approved by the FAO Conference at its Thirty-sixth Session (Rome, 18-23 November 2009) under paragraph 1 of Article XIV of the FAO Constitution;

Calling upon governments to ratify the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and to commit to its effective implementation;

Affirming the urgent need of raising public and government awareness on the threats posed by IUU fishing activities to the sustainable use of fisheries resources, as well as on ongoing efforts to fight these activities, with particular attention to the negative impacts on the economies of developing countries dependent on fisheries resources;

Recalling the 32nd Session of FAO Committee on Fisheries endorsement of the proposed "International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing";

Taking note of the 2016 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on "Sustainable fisheries, including through 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 related instruments", which welcomes the endorsement by the Committee on Fisheries of the proposed International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing while encouraging the Food and Agriculture Organization to take further action in this regard;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider declaring 5 June as the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

(Adopted on ...)