Second Meeting of the Parties to the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures

Santiago, Chile, 3 – 6 June 2019

MONITORING, REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Parties are invited to:

- Consider adopting the questionnaire, as reviewed by the Second Meeting of the PSMA Open-Ended Technical Working Group on Information Exchange (TWG-IE2), and provide feedback;
- Decide on the date of release of the web-based questionnaire and timeframe for responses;
- Advise on the analysis and dissemination of the results of the questionnaire.
I. Introduction

1. The 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (the Agreement), addresses the need for Parties to the Agreement to undertake regular and systematic monitoring and review of the implementation of the Agreement, as well as the assessment of progress made towards achieving its objectives, within the framework of FAO and its relevant bodies, under Article 24: Monitoring, review and assessment.

II. The questionnaire

2. At the First Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement, which was held in Oslo, Norway, from 29 to 31 May 2017, the Parties agreed on the development of a specific questionnaire for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the Agreement, as well as recording challenges faced. The Parties agreed that the Secretariat would formulate a prototype web-based questionnaire, to be reviewed and refined by the PSMA Open-ended Technical Working Group on Information Exchange, after which it could be adapted and refined by the Parties, as appropriate.

3. The Parties agreed that it would be necessary to review the implementation of the Agreement using the questionnaire, every two years initially and thereafter at such frequencies to be determined by the Parties.

4. The Secretariat developed a first draft of the questionnaire for monitoring the implementation of the PSMA, taking into consideration the minimum requirements set out by the Agreement. This draft was submitted to the participants of the second meeting of the PSMA Open-ended Technical Working Group on Information Exchange (TWG-IE2) for review. The questionnaire as presented in Appendix 4 of PSMA/2019/Inf.3 takes into account feedback received from TWG-IE2. The Parties are invited to further discuss the contents of the questionnaire and consider adopting it for release prior to the first review and assessment of the effectiveness of the Agreement in achieving its objectives at the meeting of the Parties in 2020.

III. Suggested action by the Parties

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