
CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRE FOR MARKETING INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Constituent Assembly of the Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in Latin America and the Caribbean, which was held in San José, Costa Rica on 17 and 18 February 1994, adopted the Constitution of the Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in Latin America and the Caribbean (INFOPECSA).

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 22, the States of Latin America and the Caribbean may become parties to the Constitution by (a) signing the Constitution or (b) depositing an instrument of accession.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 22, the Constitution was open for signature in San José on 18 February 1994 and five States signed it on the same day.

Paragraph 4 of Article 22 provides that the Constitution shall enter into force with respect to all the States that have signed it or acceded thereto on the date when the Governments of at least five States of Latin America and the Caribbean have signed it or deposited their instruments of accession. As a consequence, the Constitution entered into force on **18 February 1994**. The Constitution was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 8 March 1995 under No. 4112.

Signatories and Parties to the Constitution

The following are the signatories and the participants that deposited their instruments of accession on the corresponding date indicated:

Participant	Definitive Signature	Accession
Argentina	6 Dec 1994	
Belize	18 Feb 1994	
Brazil	28 Oct 1994	
Colombia		3 Feb 2000
Costa Rica ¹	18 Feb 1994	
Dominican Republic		13 Jun 1994
Honduras	18 Feb 1994	
Mexico		26 Mar 1997
Nicaragua	18 Feb 1994	
Uruguay	18 Feb 1994	
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of		16 Dec 1997

¹ Costa Rica: On 26 September 2001, the Government of Costa Rica notified the Director-General of its withdrawal from the Centre. In accordance with Article 21.1, such withdrawal became effective on 26 September 2002.