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**TECHNICAL CONSULTATION TO IDENTIFY A  
STRUCTURE AND STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL RECORD OF  
FISHING VESSELS, REFRIGERATED TRANSPORT VESSELS  
AND SUPPLY VESSELS**

**Rome, Italy, 08 – 12 November 2010**

**PROSPECTUS**

**INTRODUCTION**

A Technical Consultation is to be held to identify a structure and strategy for the development and implementation of the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels ('Global Record').

Based on the recommendations of the Expert Consultation on the Development of a Comprehensive Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels, (held in Rome, Italy from 25 to 28 February 2008) a subsequent programme of work was supported by the Twenty-eighth Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI).<sup>1</sup> That programme of work has culminated in a comprehensive Technical Document, identifying options for a structure and strategy for the development and implementation of the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels to be presented to this Technical Consultation for discussion and decision. For this purpose and in accordance with the wishes of COFI, the Technical Consultation will have at its disposal, as the basis of its work, this Technical Document.

<sup>1</sup> Para 71. The Committee was informed about the outcome of the Expert Consultation on the Development of a Comprehensive Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels held in Rome, Italy, from 25 to 28 February 2008 and the subsequent activities undertaken as recommended by the Expert Consultation. Many Members supported the development of a global record. Some Members highlighted the importance of cost effectiveness and considered further study was necessary on the necessity and practicability of this issue and other related issues. They stressed the value of building on existing vessel data bases and particularly the work of RFMO/As, some of which were developing unique vessel identifier systems. A future programme of work was supported that should include assessing user needs, including the needs of developing countries, convening a broad-based Steering Committee, designing and implementing a pilot project and preparing a comprehensive technical report which could lead to a Technical Consultation on the global record.

The outcome sought from the Technical Consultation is a set of recommendations to COFI on a mandate for the ongoing development and implementation of the Global Record, a strategic framework for that development and implementation, and identification of the resources needed for its development, implementation and ongoing operation.

During the Technical Consultation, where appropriate, discussion on the key subject area will be preceded by a brief introductory presentation by a subject matter expert from within the project team. Member States will be invited to consider the relevant issues and options and provide appropriate guidance relevant to the outcome sought.

The Technical Consultation should provide recommendations to COFI on a framework for the ongoing development and implementation of the Global Record covering each of the key subject areas. Those key subject areas include:

- Scope of the Global Record;
- Unique Vessel Identifier (UVI) as an essential element of the Global Record;
- Hosting, management and funding options for the Global Record;
- Implementation options for the Global Record;
- Information access protocols;
- Developing country needs and opportunities; and
- Legal Issues and whether a future binding instrument is appropriate.

## **LOCATION AND DATES**

The Technical Consultation will be held at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 8 to 12 November 2010.

## **PARTICIPATION**

The Technical Consultation will be open to all FAO Members and Observers.

## **OUTPUT**

The expected output of the Technical Consultation should be a document which details a set of recommendations to COFI on a mandate for the ongoing development and implementation of the Global Record, a strategic framework for that development and implementation, and identification of the resources needed for its development, implementation and ongoing operation. The recommendations of the Technical Consultation will be transmitted to the Twenty-ninth Session of COFI in January 2011 for its consideration and decision.

## **DOCUMENTS**

All official documents and meeting information for the Technical Consultation can be downloaded from: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/nems/39415/en>

In addition, supporting documents and other background information is available at FAO's Global Record website at the following address: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/global-record/en>

In keeping with FAO's policy on the distribution of meeting documents, delegates attending the Technical Consultation are reminded and urged to download documents from the website prior to the meeting and to bring them to the Technical Consultation as they will not be made available at the session.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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