

Korea's Comments on the Annexes

1. General Comments

The Annexes as it is now are too complicated and could lead to huge administrative cost and burden. Korea suggests to simplify it to make the Agreement more feasible and easy to implement. Otherwise, the Annexes should be considered as guidelines, not as minimum standards.

2. Comments on Annex A

At the first session of the Technical Meeting, it was agreed to define IUU in Annex A. Korea does not have specific proposal for this, but to find a definition which will be acceptable to all members, it is advisable to find common elements of relevant international regulations and measures adopted by the RFMOs. Korea is planning to work on a proposal to provide good basis for discussion at the upcoming meeting in November.

3. Proposed Changes to Annex B and D (Annex A and C in the original draft)

The Annex B (information to be provided in advance by vessels) should be short and user friendly. Currently, the Annex B has 54 items for advanced report and the Annex D contains 80 items for inspection results. This could cause undue burden for both the administration of port States and vessel operators or masters because they are too technical and specific and also contains information that are deemed confidential.

Korea considers that the Appendix A of 2005 FAO Model Scheme on Port State Measures to Combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and C can provide good alternatives. The following is Korea's suggestion for the new Annex B. Annex D should be simplified in line with the changes to Annex B:

<i>Annex B Information to be provided in advance by vessels</i>		
1. Vessel identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name of the vessel; - External identification number; - International radio call sign; - Flag State; - Type of VMS required by the flag State; and - Previous names (s) and flag State(s), if any - Number of crew on board 	
2. Vessel owner	Owner's name	Country
	Address	Phone
	Company name	
3. Master	Master's name	Nationality
	Address	Phone
	Passport number and country	Birthdate (DD/MMM/YYYY)
4. Purpose of access to port	- LAN TRX PRO OTH (specify)	
5. Fishing authorization (licenses/ permits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The vessel's authorization(s) to fish; - State(s) issuing the authorization(s); - Areas, scope and duration of the authorization(s); - Species and quota authorized; and - Fishing gear authorized. 	
6. Trip information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date trip commenced (date when the current trip started); - Areas visited (entry and exit from different areas); - Ports visited (entry into and exit from different ports); and - Date trip ended (date when the current trip ended). 	
7. Species information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fish species and fishery products onboard, particularly those to be landed; - Areas of capture; - Presentation (product form); - Processed weight; and - Equivalent live weight. 	

* Please, note that the comments contained in this paper are provisional and subject to further changes.