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Fourth meeting of the PSMA Technical Working Group on Information Exchange (TWG-IE4)¹

Panama City, Panama, 18-22 March 2024

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday 18 March

Morning, 9:30 – 12:30

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
3. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the meeting
4. State of affairs of national contact points and designated ports
 - The Secretariat will present the status of NCPs and DPs, highlighting pending designations and notifications to FAO.

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Afternoon, 14:00 – 17:00

5. State of affairs of the operational Global Information Exchange System (GIES)
 - The Secretariat will present the background and current status of the GIES.
 - Parties will be invited to share their experiences in using GIES.

Tuesday 19 March

Morning, 9:30 – 12:30

(Global Record Working Group will convene)

¹ To be held in Arabic, Chinese English, French, Russian and Spanish.

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6. Review of regional information exchange systems and connections to GIES.
 - The Secretariat will present a summary table indicating the status of alignment and preparedness of regional systems and the workplan for connections to GIES.
 - Secretariats to RFBs will be invited to further elaborate on their information systems and plans for possible connections to GIES.
 - Parties to the PSMA that are also Contracting Parties to RFMO/As will be invited to share their experience.

7. GIES role in the integration of port State measures within the broader framework of port State control
 - The Secretariat will inform the Working Group of relevant recommendations from the fifth meeting of the FAO/ILO/IMO Joint Working Group on IUU-Fishing and Related Matters.
 - The Working Group is invited to consider ways for the integration of port State measures within the broader framework of port State controls.

Wednesday 20 March

Morning, 9:30 – 12:30

8. Review of the functionalities of the current version of GIES and additional functions to be developed.
 - The Secretariat will provide detailed information on the latest developments of GIES since TWG-IE3.
 - The Secretariat will present plans for the development of additional features and functions of the GIES, including integration of the PSMA APP into GIES, Advance Request of Port Entry, User Management, implementation of UN/FLUX standard, and dashboard statistics.

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Thursday 21 March

Morning, 9:30 – 12:30

9. Use of GIES in the monitoring of effective implementation of the Agreement in the context of the “Bali Strategy”

- The Secretariat will present ways for monitoring the effective implementation of the Agreement through use of information contained in GIES and in the results of the PSMA questionnaire for Parties.
 - The Working Group will discuss the matter and provide recommendations for the consideration of the Strategy and Monitoring working group.
10. Workplan and strategy for the implementation of the GIES
- The Secretariat will present the tentative workplan for the GIES drawing on discussions on previous agenda items and explore options for implementation.

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11. GIES implementation support and assistance to developing States.
- The Secretariat will inform the Working Group about capacity development activities carried out and planned in relation to information exchange.

Friday 22 March

Morning, 9:30 – 12:30

12. Adoption of conclusions of the meeting
13. Date and venue for the next meeting of the Working Group
14. Closure of the meeting