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COUNCIL

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MARGARITA LIZÁRRAGA MEDAL

1. At its Twenty-ninth Session in November 1997, the FAO Conference, by Resolution 18/97, instituted the Margarita Lizárraga Medal to be awarded biennially by the Conference upon the proposal of the Council to a person or organization that has served with distinction in the application of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (the Code).
2. The Medal pays tribute to the late Dr. Margarita Saucedo Lizárraga, Senior Fishery Liaison Officer for her decisive role in promoting the Code for her productive work in the field of fisheries for almost forty years, for her great dedication to FAO and for her strong commitment towards fostering the promotion of the fisheries sector, especially in developing countries.
3. The Selection Committee for the award, composed of the Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, and the Bureau of the Twenty-seventh Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), met in Rome on 7 March 2007. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Director-General, representing the Director-General.
4. The Selection Committee reviewed the three nominations for the 2006-2007 biennium, proposed by the Members of the Screening Committee, on the basis of the following criteria:
 - Outstanding, practical and a hands-on contribution to the application of the Code;
 - Tangible output;
 - A sustained effort and not a one off initiative and;
 - The potential for a snow-ball/catalytic effect.
5. The Selection Committee unanimously agreed to award the Margarita Lizárraga Medal to the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC).

6. SEAFDEC is an intergovernmental organization established in 1967 with the mandate for promoting fisheries development in the Southeast Asia and headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand. The ultimate goal of SEAFDEC is to assist member states to develop fishery potentials for the improvement of food supply in the region through training, research and information programs and services. The current member states are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. SEAFDEC has been devoting itself to the regionalization of the Code and recently completed its process. The Code programme has four phases, namely Fishing Operations (Phase I), Aquaculture Development (Phase II), Fisheries Management (Phase III) and Fisheries Post-Harvest Technology and Trade (Phase IV). It published the Regional Guidelines on Responsible Fishing Operations in 1999, on Responsible Aquaculture in 2001, on Responsible Fisheries Management in 2003 and on Responsible Post-harvest Practices and Trade in 2005. It also prepared Supplementary Guidelines on Co-management. With the process of regionalization and Regional Guidelines produced as outcomes, SEAFDEC has served with distinction in the application of the Code. Its achievement is an outstanding and practical hands-on contribution to the application of the Code.

SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

7. The Council is invited to endorse the nomination of Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center and recommend that the Medal be presented to the representative of the Center by the Director-General as part of the proceedings of the Thirty-fourth session of the Conference (17 - 24 November 2007).