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## COUNCIL

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Margarita Lizárraga Medal

#### Executive Summary

The Selection Committee for the Margarita Lizárraga Medal, which is awarded biennially to a person or organization that has served with distinction in the application of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries by the Conference upon the proposal of the Council, met in Rome on 11 July 2012 and unanimously agreed that the 2012-2013 Award be given to *La Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola del Istmo Centroamericano* (OSPESCA) in El Salvador.

#### Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to endorse the nomination of *La Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola del Istmo Centroamericano* (OSPESCA) and recommend that the Medal be presented during the proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (15-22 June 2013).

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1. At its 29<sup>th</sup> Session in November 1997, the FAO Conference, by Resolution 18/97, instituted the Margarita Lizárraga Medal. The Medal, awarded by the Conference upon the proposal of the Council, pays tribute to the late Dr Margarita Saucedo Lizárraga, Senior FAO Fishery Liaison Officer, for her decisive role in promoting the Code, for her work in the field of fisheries for almost forty years, and for her strong commitment to fostering the promotion of the fisheries sector, especially in developing countries.
2. The Selection Committee for the award, composed of the Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department and the Bureau of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries, met in Rome on 11 July 2012. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Director-General (Knowledge), representing the Director-General.
3. The Selection Committee reviewed the three nominations for the 2012-2013 biennium, proposed by the Members of the Screening Committee, taking into consideration that the nominee must have demonstrated:
  - an outstanding, practical and hands-on contribution to the application of the Code;
  - tangible output;
  - results achieved were a sustained effort and not a one-off initiative; and
  - results achieved have the potential for a snow-ball/catalytic effect.
4. The Committee unanimously agreed that the 2012-2013 Award be given to *La Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola del Istmo Centroamericano* (OSPESCA) in El Salvador.
5. OSPESCA was selected in recognition of its significant contribution to sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development in the Central American countries and considered as a model of an intergovernmental organization, emulated in other regions for the catalytic effect of its achievements. The contribution of OSPESCA to the application of the Code is therefore outstanding, practical, tangible and sustainable as well as catalytic for other regions to follow.