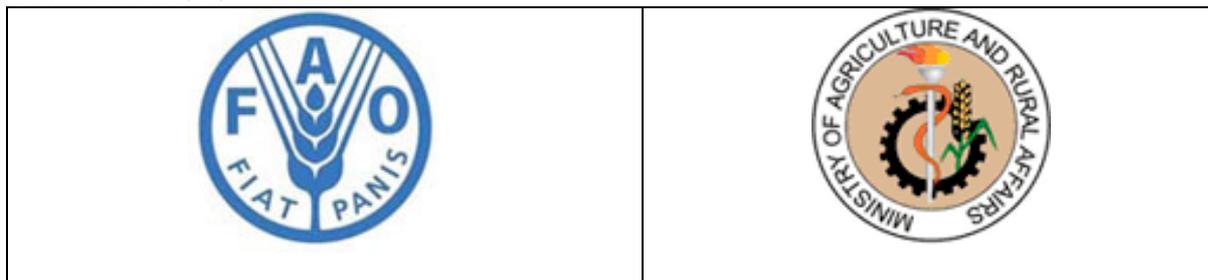


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**THIRD INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CENTRAL  
ASIAN AND CAUCASUS FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE COMMISSION**

**Trabzon, Turkey, 30 November – 1 December 2010**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION TO CONVENE A PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSION**

## **Resolution**

### **Establishing a preparatory meeting for the establishment of the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission**

*The Third Intergovernmental Meeting on the Establishment of the Central Asian and  
Caucasus regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission,*

*Having noted* the approval by the FAO Council at its Hundred and Thirty Seventh Session on 1 October 2009 through Resolution No 1/137 under Article XIV, paragraph 2 of the FAO Constitution of the Agreement on the Central Asian and Caucasus regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”),

*Having decided* to make the necessary arrangement for the commencement of the functions of the Central Asian and Caucasus regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) established by the Agreement without undue delay and to take all possible measures to ensure its effective operation,

*Having decided* to hold a Preparatory Meeting for the Establishment of the Commission and its operation for the fulfillment of these measures consistent with the Agreement,

*Decides as follows:*

1. The *Intergovernmental Meeting on the Establishment of the Central Asian and Caucasus regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission* shall henceforth convene as the Preparatory Meeting for the Establishment of the Central Asian and Caucasus regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (hereinafter the Preparatory Meeting). The Preparatory Meeting shall be open to any State who can become a member of the Commission. According to article 1, paragraph 2 of the Agreement membership in the Commission is open to any member of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”) and such non-member State of the Organization that is a member of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency provided that the territory of such State is situated wholly or partly within the Area defined in article IV and such State accepts the Agreement in accordance with the provision of article XIII.
2. In accordance with article I, paragraph 3 of the Agreement members of the Organization and such non-member State of the Organization that is a member of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon its request made to and granted by the Commission, be represented as an observer at the Preparatory Meeting. The Preparatory Meeting shall by consensus or other agreed decision making means or process, agree for any other State, intergovernmental organization, regional organization or entity to be an observer to the Preparatory Meeting subject to such terms and conditions of participation as an observer as may be agreed upon by the Preparatory Meeting.
3. The preparatory meeting will elect its Chairperson and other officers.
4. The Preparatory Meeting will assume the responsibilities and tasks assigned earlier to the Steering Committee , which include the following :
  - a. adopt the Agenda for the preparatory meeting.
  - b. finalize the draft Rules of Procedure for the Commission.
  - c. finalize the draft Financial Regulations of the Commission.
  - d. finalize the draft of the 5-Year Regional Work Programme (2011-2015) of the Commission.
  - e. finalize the indicative autonomous budget for the first financial period of the Commission
  - f. finalize the draft scheme of contributions to the budget.
5. The Preparatory Meeting will provide interim scientific and technical advice to the Commission.
6. The Preparatory Meeting will discuss recommendations concerning the headquarters of the Commission, including matters relating to a headquarters Agreement.

7. The Preparatory Meeting may also carry out such other functions as the Meeting may decide.
8. The Preparatory Meeting will finalize the provisional agenda for the Inaugural meeting of the Commission.
9. The Preparatory Meeting will meet as often as necessary for the expeditious exercise of its functions. It will remain in existence until the conclusion of the Inaugural Meeting of the Commission, at which time it will be dissolved and its property and records shall be transferred to the Commission.
10. The Preparatory Meeting may make use, as appropriate, of existing regional institutions and outside sources of expertise to facilitate its work.
11. The costs of the Preparatory Meeting will be met by contributions from members of the Commission to the autonomous budget of the Commission and voluntary contributions from the government of Turkey under the Central Asian Regional Program for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development.
12. The Preparatory Meeting will prepare a final report on all matters within its mandate for presentation to the Commission at its Inaugural meeting.
13. The Preparatory Meeting, in carrying the responsibilities and performing the tasks assigned it as well in making any decisions related thereto shall be governed and apply, mutatis mutandis, by the Agreement and the draft Rules of Procedures as adopted by the 2nd Steering Committee in Preparation for the 3rd Intergovernmental Meeting on Fisheries and Aquaculture in Central Asia and the Caucasus held at Istanbul, Turkey on 24-25 February 2010.