

**GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON FLAG STATE
PERFORMANCE**

Principles Governing Behavioural Criteria of a Responsible Flag State

CANADIAN TEXT AS AMENDED

Principles Governing the process for conducting assessment

1. Assessment could be done by the flag State itself (self-assessment) or by other entity (external assessment).
2. External assessment could be done by:
 - a. Another State
 - b. An international organization (a RFMO or a multilateral body)
3. External assessment should be done in cooperation with the flag State and with due regard for international law.

Principles governing the adoption of post-assessment actions

1. Post-assessment actions should be aimed at improving the performance of flag States.
2. Post-assessment actions should be proportional and non-discriminatory.
3. If action is necessary by other States or entities, consultation with flag State and diplomatic demarches should be considered previously to the adoption of such actions.
4. Actions against States assessed as not having met the performance criteria should take into consideration the results of such consultations.

Principles governing assistance to developing countries

1. Assistance to developing countries should include the reinforcement of their ability to participate in high seas fisheries.