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FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE FAO AGREEMENT ON PORT STATE MEASURES

Oslo, Norway, 29 – 31 May 2017

STATUS OF THE FAO AGREEMENT ON PORT STATE MEASURES TO PREVENT, DETER AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING¹

The Parties are invited to:

- Note the list of Parties to the Agreement and encourage non-Parties to deposit their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, as soon as possible.
- Note developments in the implementation of the Agreement, to date, and address any challenges.

¹ This document is to facilitate discussion at the meeting of the Parties and is without prejudice to the views or interpretation of the Agreement and international law and decisions on implementation of the Agreement by the Parties.



I. BACKGROUND

1. The FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) was approved by the FAO Conference on 22 November 2009 and open for signature from 22 November 2009 until 21 November 2010, by all States and regional economic integration organizations. In that period, 23 States and the European Union (EU) signed the Agreement. In accordance with Article 26 and Article 27 of the Agreement, the Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatories and open also for accession by any State or regional economic integration organization that did not sign it. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession are deposited with the Director-General of FAO as the Depositary.²

II. STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT AND DEVELOPMENTS

2. As of 9 May 2017, there were 46 Parties to the Agreement, including the EU.³ The list of Parties is attached in the Appendix to this document.

3. Parties may wish to inform the meeting of their achievements and challenges in the implementation of the Agreement. Non-Parties may wish to provide information on their intentions to adhere to the Agreement and on the status of their internal processes to do so, as appropriate. Other observers may also be invited to make statements on their contribution to the implementation of the Agreement, having regard to the rules of procedure that will apply to the meeting.

III. SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE PARTIES

4. The Parties are invited to:

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² Article 36 of the Agreement

³ The updated status of the Agreement, including the list of signatories and Parties thereto, is available at: www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/legal/docs/037s-e.pdf

APPENDIX**Parties to the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (as at 9 May 2017)**

Party	Ratification	Acceptance	Approval	Accession
1 Albania				7 April 2017
2 Australia*	20 July 2015			7 October 2016
3 Bahamas				2 February 2016
4 Barbados				23 June 2016
5 Cabo Verde				6 May 2016
6 Chile*	28 August 2012			4 December 2015
7 Costa Rica				25 March 2016
8 Cuba				11 July 2016
9 Dominica				
10 European Union - Member Organization*			7 July 2011	
11 France*				
12 Gabon*		15 November 2013		
13 Gambia				29 July 2016
14 Ghana*	29 November 2016			
15 Grenada				17 June 2016
16 Guinea				3 June 2016
17 Guyana				7 March 2016
18 Iceland*	16 June 2015			
19 Indonesia*	23 June 2016			
20 Madagascar				27 March 2017
21 Maldives				16 March 2017
22 Mauritania				23 January 2017
23 Mauritius				31 August 2015
24 Mozambique*	19 August 2014			
25 Myanmar				22 November 2010
26 New Zealand*	21 February 2014			
27 Norway*	20 July 2011			
28 Oman		1 August 2013		
29 Palau				30 November 2015
30 Panama				21 November 2016
31 Republic of Korea				14 January 2016
32 Saint Kitts and Nevis				9 December 2015
33 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				23 June 2016
34 Sao Tome and Principe				22 November 2016
35 Senegal				23 March 2017
36 Seychelles				19 June 2013
37 Somalia				9 November 2015
38 South Africa				16 February 2016
39 Sri Lanka				20 January 2011
40 Sudan				12 May 2016
41 Thailand				6 May 2016
42 Togo				2 December 2016
43 Tonga				6 May 2016
44 United States of America*	26 February 2016			
45 Uruguay*	28 February 2013			
46 Vanuatu				6 May 2016

* Signed the Agreement, pursuant to Article 25 of the Agreement, during the period when it was open for signature at FAO (22 November 2009 to 21 November 2010). Other States which signed the Agreement during this period but have not deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval include: Angola, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Kenya, Peru, Russian Federation, Samoa, Sierra Leone and Turkey.