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Cc: VanAnrooy, Raymon (FAOSLC); Fabio Hazin
Subject: Re: CLME+ additional study to the cost-benefit assessment of an RFMO in the WECAFC area

Dear Cristine Chan A. Shing,

Thank you, for your letter dated May 20, 2016. With regard to the questions you posed, we are very glad to provide the position of Brazil, as indicated below:

1. Yes. The establishment of an RFMO will allow a much better coordination and scientific cooperation among States benefiting from the shared stocks. It will also permit the adoption of binding conservation and management measures, necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the regionally shared stocks, straddling stocks, deep-sea fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks exploited in the region and not yet covered by other RFMOs, such as ICCAT. The establishment of this new RFMO would be fully in line with the recommendation from the last Review Conference of UNFSA, paragraph 17: *In order to avoid any geographic or species gaps between regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, consider the establishment of new organizations or arrangements as soon as possible, including by transforming existing regional fisheries advisory bodies into regional fisheries management organizations.*
2. Again, in line with the recommendation 17 of the most recent UNFSA review, and taking into account the ongoing process in the United Nations related to Biodiversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), if WECAFC is to become an RFMO, it should be as encompassing as possible, with a view to close any existing gaps, both in terms of species as well as geographically. Therefore, in our view, it should include the regionally shared stocks, straddling stocks, deep-sea fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks exploited in the region and not yet covered by other RFMOs, such as ICCAT.
- 3- With regard to the options presented in the cost-benefit assessment study, our preference would be to have WECAFC transformed into an RFMO under Article XIV of FAO's constitution, since we do view the formal link to FAO as an important requirement, particularly to developing countries, besides strengthening the FAO governance over fisheries issues, in a global level.

Best Regards,

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Dear Mr. Hazin & Mr. Neto,

For your attention please find attached a letter from Ms. Christine Chan A Shing, WECAFC Chairperson, dated 20 May 2016, on above mentioned subject.

The letter refers to the (also attached) "Assessment of the recent achievements and collaboration of CRFM, OSPESCA and WECAFC, including options for a regional institutional collaborative structure within an RFMO framework" (Working Document WECAFC/XVI/2016/13), by Dr. Helga Josupeit, which was prepared with support from the CLME+ project.

The chairperson of WECAFC requests in the letter that members send their (preliminary) opinions on the options for strategic reorientation presented in the earlier circulated "Findings of the independent cost-benefit assessment of the options for strategic reorientation of WECAFC" and that have been further elaborated on in the attached Working Document.

The Secretariat of WECAFC would be grateful if Brazil could formally submit its preliminary opinion by Friday 10 June 2016.

We will make available on-line the opinions received from the members as received to facilitate discussion at WECAFC 16 on the way forward.

All (preliminary) opinions received would be placed on the WECAFC 16 site:

<ftp://ftp.fao.org/FI/DOCUMENT/wecafc/16thsess/default.htm>

If you need any further information on the process or would have additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. I would be happy to assist.

With warm regards and looking forward to seeing you soon in Guadeloupe
Raymon van Anrooy
Secretary of WECAFC

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