

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRE FOR MARKETING INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS IN THE ARAB REGION

The Constituent Assembly of the Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in the Arab Region, which was held in Manama, Bahrain, on 23 and 24 June 1993, adopted the Constitution of the Centre for Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products in the Arab Region (INFOSAMAK).

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 21, the Constitution was signed in Manama on 24 June 1993 on behalf of the States listed below and remains open for signature at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 21, the Arab States may become parties to the Constitution by (a) signing the Constitution or (b) depositing an instrument of acceptance.

Paragraph 4 of Article 21 provides that the Constitution shall enter into force, with respect to all the States that have signed it or accepted it, once it has been signed or accepted by not less than half of the States participating in the Constituent Assembly. The Constitution entered into force on **24 June 1993** since the six States participating in the Constituent Assembly had signed it the same day.

Amendments to the Constitution were adopted by the General Assembly of the Centre at its First Extraordinary Session held in Rome on 16 March 1995. The amendments entered into force immediately for all countries.

Parties to the Constitution

The following are the participants that signed the Constitution or deposited an instrument of acceptance on the corresponding date indicated:

| Participant | Definitive Signature | Acceptance |
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| Algeria | | 12 Feb 1994 |
| Bahrain | 24 Jun 1993 | |
| Djibouti | | 18 Feb 2013 |
| Mauritania | 24 Jun 1993 | |
| Morocco | 24 Jun 1993 | |
| Sudan | | 17 Mar 1995 |
| Syria | 24 Jun 1993 | |
| Tunisia | 24 Jun 1993 | |
| Yemen | 24 Jun 1993 | |