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FOURTH MEETING OF REGIONAL FISHERY BODY SECRETARIATS NETWORK

Rome, Italy, 13 July 2012

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. **8:30 - 8:45 Opening of the Meeting**
Mr Árni M. Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, FAO, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, will open RSN4 at 08:30 hours on Friday 13th July 2012 in the Mexico Room (D211).
2. **8:45 - 8:50 Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Arrangements**
 - a. **Adoption of the Agenda**
The Meeting will be invited to adopt an agenda for RSN4.
 - b. **Meeting Arrangements**
The Secretary for the RSN, Ms Gail Lugten (FAO), will brief participants on meeting arrangements.
 - c. **Observers**
The meeting will be invited to consider any applications from non-RSN members to observe the meeting
3. **8:50 - 09:00 Report of the Chairperson**
The Chairperson will provide a brief update on issues and developments with the RSN since RSN3.
4. **09:00 - 10:30 RSN current themes**
The meeting will consider a summary of emerging issues and on-going challenges experienced by RSN members since RSN3. The summary will be prepared on the basis of responses to an invitation circulated by the Chairperson in March 2012. Key issues will be identified and participants will be invited to assess implications for RSN activities in the short to medium term. To assist with the preparation of the Report of RSN4, members are requested to submit a summary (1/2 to 1 page length) of recent developments and RSN activities in advance of the meeting.

Break

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5. Key issues and RSN engagement**5a. 11:00 - 11:10 Port State Measures**

Ms Gail Lugten (FAO), will provide a brief summary of developments in respect of the 2009 FAO Port State Measures Agreement.

5b. 11:10 - 11:45 IUU Fishing

Mr Driss Meski (ICCAT) will provide an overview of the status and trends in IUU fishing. The presentation will summarize recent initiatives of States or fisheries conservation and management organizations or arrangements to reduce threats posed by IUU fishing.

5c. 11:45 - 12:20 Deep sea fisheries: VMEs and MPAs

Mr Andrew Wright (CCAMLR) and Mr Vladimir Shibanov (NAFO) will provide a brief overview of recent developments in managing fishing activities within the ecosystem in deep sea bottom fisheries. The discussion will focus on developments relating to the avoidance of an adverse impact on vulnerable marine ecosystems and initiatives in respect of marine protected areas. Participants will be invited to inform the meeting of other initiatives to protect VMEs and establish MPAs and to discuss other international developments relating to the establishment of high seas MPAs.

5d. 12:30 - 13:00 Aquaculture

Mr Simon Funge-Smith (APFIC) will provide a brief overview of current themes in aquaculture before a 30 minute discussion of current and/or emerging issues associated with aquaculture.

Break**13:30 - 14:00:****6. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons**

Subject to any vacancies arising, RSN members will select a chairperson and up to two vice chairpersons to serve the Network from the conclusion of RSN4.

7. Fifth RSN meeting (RSN5) Date and Venue

Participants will be invited to discuss the structure, procedure (including inter-sessional support) and focus for RSN5. A date and venue for RSN5 will also be agreed.

8. Any Other Matters

The meeting will consider any other matters raised by participants.

9. Adoption of the Report

Time constraints in completing RSN4 prior to the commencement of the final COFI session mean that the RSN4 report will be completed intersessionally and distributed electronically

10. Close of the Meeting

The chairperson will close the meeting.