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## GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

### Twenty-ninth Session

Rome, Italy, 21-25 February 2005

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

**Monday 21 February 2005**

*Morning, 09:00 hours*

#### 1. Opening of the Session

*FAO/FI statement.*

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session

*It is suggested that the first day (21/02) of the session be dedicated to the Headquarters of Commission and the selection of its Executive Secretary. Related logistical arrangements (including ballot) will be precised.*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/1; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.1; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.9*

#### 3. Headquarters of the Commission

*The item would be supported with a brief document recalling the procedure agreed upon and action taken for implementation. The Commission will be invited to decide on its future Headquarters and to discuss related logistical issues (e.g: timing; equipments, etc..).*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/3*

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*Afternoon, 14:00 hours*

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#### **4. Selection of the Executive Secretary**

*This item will be introduced on the basis of a brief document recalling the procedure agreed upon in Malta and follow-up action taken for its implementation by the Secretariat/Screening Committee. Reference to Art. IX (5) of the GFCM Agreement will be made. Implementation of this item will mainly consist in interviewing candidates by Head of delegations.*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/4*

### **Tuesday 22 February 2005**

***Morning, 09:30 hours***

#### **5. Implementation of the recommendations of the Twenty-eighth and of the Extraordinary sessions of GFCM**

*A summary description of major recommendations will be provided orally by the Secretary. of main recommendations. It will be noted that follow-up action for most recommendations will be treated under the relevant agenda items below. Recommendation which have not been explicitly followed-up, such as GFCM Recommendation 2001/1 on Demersal and Small-pelagic shared stocks will be highlighted.*

*GFCM/29/2005/Inf.4; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.5*

#### **6. Issues related to the implementation of the autonomous budget**

- Status of ratification of the Amendment to the GFCM Agreement
- Status of Member contributions to the autonomous budget and related issues

*This item will be supported by a short document in two parts. The first part will describe progress achieved during the intersession on the status of ratification by Members (i.e.: including by Algeria, Lebanon, Japan and Morocco) and will refer to the decision made at the Extraordinary session to cope with the implications of the GFCM dual legal regime. The second part will address selected practical issues concerning the operation of the autonomous budget such as the amendment of the Financial Rules in relation to FAO PSC, the conversion rate \$ versus € or the validation of the catch and wealth figure for 2006. The Commission will be invited to provide guidance on priority expenditures (e.g.: salaries versus activities).*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/2.*

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#### **7. Intersessional activities 2003-2004**

- Report on the activities of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
- Report on the activities of the Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)

*A summary report of the activities of each of the two Committees (SAC and CAQ) will be presented by the respective Chairperson and discussed.*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/5; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.6; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.7*

#### **7. Intersessional activities 2003-2004 (cont')**

- Report of the Workshop on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Mediterranean

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*The summary report on the activities of the subsidiary of the Commission will be completed with the salient outcomes, conclusions and recommendations made by the Workshop.*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/5; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.8*

### **Wednesday 23 February 2005**

*Morning, 09:30 hours*

#### **8. Management of Mediterranean fisheries**

- Review of the recommendations of the Fourth Session of the Committee on Aquaculture
- Review of the recommendations of the Seventh Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee

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- Review of the recommendations of the Seventh Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (cont'd)

*The Commission will be invited to review fisheries management advice from SAC and aquaculture development recommendations from CAQ, as well as, relevant recommendations from ICCAT.*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/6; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.6; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.7; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.10*

### **Thursday 24 February 2005**

*Morning, 09:30 hours*

#### **9. Programme of work for the intersessional period 2005-2006**

*The Programme of work of SAC for 2005, including its budgetary implications will be checked for approbation. Progress made in implementing the CAQ programme of work 2005-2006 will be reviewed. Attention will be called upon for forecasting expenditures earmarked in the 2005 autonomous budget, including for CAQ, especially for SIPAM.*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/7; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.6; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.7*

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#### **10. Issues connected with the functioning of the Commission**

- Procedure for the appointment of the Deputy Executive Secretary and other staff of the Secretariat
- Selected institutional, practical and legal issues: status of subsidiary bodies of the Committees.

*This item will be supported by a document suggesting a procedure for the selection of the staff of the Secretariat but the Secretary. Selected issues presented in GFCM/ES:2004/7 (same title), will be stressed. These include clarifying respectively the mandate of: the CMSC; the Subcommittee Coordinators; the Networks of CAQ; and the GFCM/ICCAT Working Party on Large pelagics. Needs for amending the GFCM Rules of procedure will be identified.*

*Ref. doc.: GFCM/29/2005/8; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.3; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.6; GFCM/29/2005/Inf.7*

**11. Any other matters**

**12. Date and place of the Thirtieth Session**

**Friday 25 February 2005**

Free

*Afternoon, 15:00 hours*

**13. Adoption of the Report**