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MEETING OF THE INFORMAL OPEN-ENDED TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP OF THE GLOBAL RECORD OF FISHING VESSELS, REFRIGERATED TRANSPORT VESSELS AND SUPPLY VESSELS

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DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUP

In order for the Global Record Programme ("the Programme") to obtain guidance on outstanding issues including finding a solution for the long-term financing of the Global Record, the establishment of a Global Record Informal Open-Ended Technical and Advisory Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the WG) is proposed with the following terms of reference:

1. Provide guidance on legal and technical aspects and to guide the development of the application and secure its applicability and utility at global level, particularly in the following critical matters:

    a. Define the most appropriate approach for the management of the Unique Vessel Identifier (UVI);

    b. Evaluate the possibilities for expansion to phases 2 and 3, in particular for the UVI (feasibility study);

    c. Evaluate the need for an Expert Consultation (followed by a Technical Consultation) to start the process for developing an international instrument to govern the rules and procedures for participation in the Programme and provide the framework to define minimum requirements for the Global Record in line with the PSMA;

    d. Provide advice with regards to the development of standards and mechanisms for data exchange.

2. Provide the opportunity for expression of the views of national and regional administrations, as well as external entities, which may act as data providers or system users, and facilitate the exchange of practical information on their working modalities and information systems in place.

3. Put forward suggestions on data and functionality useful in the fight against IUU fishing.

4. Identify key areas and Member States, in particular developing States, and regions for capacity building.

5.   Set up a financial mechanism for the long-term sustainability of the project.

6. Discuss other relevant issues.