

**Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the
Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December
1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and
Highly Migratory Fish Stocks**

New York, 24-28 May 2010

**Information for participants
(revised 19 April 2010)**

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/112 of 5 December 2008, requested the Secretary-General to resume the Review Conference for one week in the first part of 2010, with a view to assessing the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/72 of 4 December 2009, the resumed Review Conference will be held on 24-28 May 2010 in New York.

Documents

2. General Assembly resolution 63/112 also requested the Secretary-General to submit to the resumed Review Conference an updated comprehensive report, prepared in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), to assist the Conference in discharging its mandate under article 36, paragraph 2, of the Agreement. The updated comprehensive report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.210/2010/1) is available on the website of DOALOS.

3. The Conference will consider and adopt an agenda and an organization of work based on recommendations of the ninth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement. The provisional agenda and draft organization of work of the resumed Review Conference are available on the website of DOALOS as documents A/CONF.210/2010/L.1 and A/CONF.210/2010/L.2, respectively.

4. The Secretariat has prepared a compilation to assist delegations in considering the report of the Secretary-General to the resumed Review Conference. The compilation (A/CONF.210/2010/INF.1) presents the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 (A/CONF.210/2006/15, Annex), in thematic form, with the corresponding information from States, regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, and the FAO, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, on the extent to which the recommendations have been implemented. An advance and unedited (English only) version of the compilation is available on the website of DOALOS. The document will be available in all official languages at the Conference.

Composition of the Bureau

5. In 2006, the Bureau was composed of the following individuals: Mr. David Balton, President (USA), Mr. Marcos Lourenço de Almeida, Vice-President (Brazil), Mr. Sainivalati S. Navoti, Vice-President (Fiji), Mr. Famoudou Magassouba, Vice-President

(Guinea), Mr. Dmitry Gonchar, Vice-President (Russian Federation), Mr. Fernando Curcio Ruigómez, Vice-President (Spain), Mr. Andrés Couve, Vice-President (Chile) and Mr. Liu Zheng, Vice-President (China).

6. The President of the Conference is engaging in consultations to confirm the availability of the members of the Bureau. Should any Officer be unavailable to perform his or her functions, an election will be held to fill the vacancy.

Participation

7. In accordance with article 36 of the Agreement, invitations to participate in the resumed Review Conference have been addressed to all States Parties to the Agreement and those States and entities which are entitled to become parties, as well as those intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations entitled to participate as observers.

8. Non-governmental organizations invited to attend the resumed Review Conference must have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, or be accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development or associated with the Department of Public Information. Information in this regard can be found at at: <http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/> and <http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/about-ngo-assoc.asp>.

List of Speakers

9. The Secretariat will establish a list of speakers in order to facilitate the discussions at the Conference. Participants wishing to make statements are encouraged to inform the Secretariat prior to the Conference (e-mail: doalos@un.org with a copy to onwuasoanya@un.org; fax: 212-963-5847).

Credentials

10. Delegations are requested to communicate to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, by 7 May 2010, the names of representatives attending the Conference, preferably in electronic form (e-mail: doalos@un.org with a copy to germani@un.org). The original of credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers who will form part of the delegation should be submitted to the Secretariat (room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017), if possible no later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the resumed Review Conference.

11. Credentials of representatives to the resumed Review Conference will be examined by the Credentials Committee and reported to the meeting. The Credentials Committee will be comprised of representatives from Germany, India, Mauritius, Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay.

United Nations grounds passes for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

12. For issuance of grounds passes in order to have access to United Nations premises, the names and contact details of representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations invited to attend the meeting should be communicated through official letter of nomination to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail: doalos@un.org; fax: 212-963-5847).

13. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to complete United Nations form SG-6 (available at: <http://www.un.int/protocol/formspage.htm>), and prepare an official letter, addressed to Mr. Desmond Parker, Officer-in-Charge, Protocol and Liaison Office, accepting the invitation and identifying the name(s) of the representative(s). The completed form and official letter must be submitted to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (e-mail: doalos@un.org with a copy to dempsey@un.org; fax: 212-963-5847) for processing on or before **10 May 2010**. Representatives must collect their grounds passes directly from the United Nations Pass Office at 801 United Nations Plaza (45th Street and First Avenue). An official document identifying the representative should be presented at that time.

14. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations with a liaison office in New York should obtain their United Nations grounds passes through such offices.

15. The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will communicate directly with the representatives of non-governmental organizations regarding the date and time to collect their passes.

Secretariat

16. The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will carry out the secretariat functions for the meeting. Requests for further information can be sent by e-mail to doalos@un.org with a copy to Mr. André Tahindro, Secretary of the resumed Review Conference (tahindro@un.org), or to Mr. Michael Shewchuk, Deputy-Secretary of the resumed Review Conference (shewchuk@un.org), using the subject: "Resumed Review Conference".