

Provisional Agenda

Third round of the informal consultations of the States Parties

to

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

8-9 July 2004

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1. Opening of the third informal consultations by the Chairperson of the second informal consultations.
2. Election of the Chairperson.
3. Adoption of the Agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. New developments in the implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement by States Parties, including welcome of States and relevant entities that have become parties since the second informal consultations, with an emphasis on review of Parts III, IV and V of the Agreement concerning cooperation, non-parties to regional agreements, and duties of the flag State:
 - a. Update on implementation by States, at the national level and at the level of member States of such entities:

Strengthening of flag States' duties.
 - b. Update on implementation by States at the subregional and regional levels:
 - (i) Establishment of new regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements (RFMOs).
 - (ii) Other measures to strengthen cooperation for the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks.
 - c. Update on initiatives and activities by States at the global level:
 - (i) Activities in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

- (ii) Other initiatives in international fora benefiting the implementation of the Agreement.
- 6. Review of the implementation of United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement by regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements (RFMOs):
 - a. Evaluation of implementation by RFMOs.
 - (i) Strengthening of the functions of RFMOs
 - (ii) Cooperative mechanisms on compliance control and enforcement.
 - b. Measures to improve implementation by RFMOs.
- 7. Review of the implementation of provisions of Part VII on the Requirements of developing States:
 - a. Contribution by States, International Financial Institutions and donor organizations to the Assistance Fund under Part VII of the Agreement, established by the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 58/14 of 24 November 2003.
 - b. Information by States, FAO and other relevant organizations on existing arrangements and assistance available to developing States Parties that may be relevant under the Agreement;
 - c. Other possible forms of assistance.
- 8. Preparatory works for the Review Conference, pursuant to Article 36 of the Agreement:
 - a. Dates and venue of the Conference.
 - b. Issues to be considered in the assessment of effectiveness of the Agreement.
 - (i) Substantive issues.
 - (ii) Institutional and procedural issues.
 - c. Information on the International Conference in St John, Newfoundland, to be hosted by the Government of Canada to assist in the Review Conference.
- 9. Consideration of next round of the Informal Consultations of States Parties.
- 10. Adoption of any recommendation(s) of the third round of the Informal Consultations to be carried out by States Parties to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.
- 11. Other matters.