

## COMM 5 - Report - ANNEX 7

### Guidance to Panama Regarding its Future CNCP Status

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Members expressed serious concerns about Panama's record of non-compliance with SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) and failure to inform the Commission of the measures it has taken to ensure compliance by its vessels with the CMMs.

The Commission approved Panama's application for CNCP status in 2017, but advised that Panama should not expect its CNCP application to be approved in 2018 unless Panama takes steps to improve its cooperation with the Commission, including:

1. Undertake the corrective actions requested of Panama by the Commission in the Final Compliance Report 2017, including:
  - a. Developing a Compliance Action Plan regarding CMM 4.01 (*Trachurus murphyi*) within six months after the end of the Commission Meeting 2017;
  - b. Undertaking a Compliance Review regarding CMM 4.02 (*Data Standards*) within 90 days after the end of the Commission Meeting 2017;
  - c. Undertake a Compliance Review regarding CMM 4.05 (*Commission Record of Vessels Authorised to fish*) within 90 days after the end of the Commission Meeting 2017;
  - d. Develop a Compliance Action Plan regarding CMM 4.10 (*Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme*) within six months after the end of the Commission Meeting 2017.
2. Demonstrate considerable improvements with regard to their obligations as a CNCP compared to last year, including a commitment to participate in the effective operation of the Commission;
3. Submit its Implementation Report for the 2018 Compliance Report in accordance with paragraph 5 of CMM 4.10 (*Compliance and Monitoring Scheme; 2016*); and
4. Address all requirements for a non-member seeking the status of CNCP, as listed in paragraph 3 of Decision 1.02 (*Rules for Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties; 2016*).

The Commission notes that the Chairperson of the Commission will engage bilaterally with Panama in relation to this decision during the intersessional period.