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COMM 6 – Report ANNEX 10 Annual Report of the Commission for the year 2017

Paragraph 1 of Article 29 of the Convention provides that the “*Commission shall publish an annual report, which shall include details of decisions taken by the Commission to achieve the objective of this Convention. The report shall also provide information on actions taken by the Commission in response to any recommendations from the General Assembly of the United Nations or the FAO.*”

1. MEMBERSHIP

In December 2017, the Commission had fifteen members: Australia, Republic of Chile, People's Republic of China, Cook Islands, Republic of Cuba, Republic of Ecuador, European Union, Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Republic of Peru, Russian Federation, Chinese Taipei, United States of America, and the Republic of Vanuatu.

In December 2017 two countries held the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNCPS): Republic of Liberia and Republic of Panama.

2. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION IN 2017

The fifth Commission Meeting was held in Adelaide, Australia, from 18 to 22 January 2017.

The Commission amended the following Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs):

CMM 01-2017: *Trachurus murphyi* (TAC of 443 000 tonnes)

CMM 02-2017: Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data. The revision relates to the inclusion of Porbeagle sharks to the list of species in Annex 14, as well as addressing squid fishery data provided to the Secretariat in order to ensure assessment and monitoring of stocks.

CMM 03-2017: Bottom Fishing in the SPRFMO Convention Area. The Commission agreed to extend the revision date of this measure until the close of the Annual Meeting 2018.

CMM 04-2017: Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to have Carried Out IUU Fishing Activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area. The IUU vessel listing measure was amended to:

- a) clearly reflect that the Executive Secretary is obliged to include a vessel on the Commission's Draft IUU list where he/she is in possession of suitably documented information that gives rise to a presumption of IUU fishing; and
- b) implement the Commission's decision that a vessel must be on the Draft IUU list before it can be included on the Commission's Provisional and Final IUU lists.

CMM 06-2017: Establishment of the Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area. The Commission revised this CMM and added security and confidentiality requirements as well as rules on the manual reporting of VMS

positions. In this context, it is noteworthy that the Commission contracted the development of a SPRFMO VMS in 2017 (service provider: CLS).

CMM 07-2017: Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port. The changes were of a technical editorial nature only.

CMM 09-2017: Minimising Bycatch of Seabirds in the SPRFMO Convention Area. The Commission deleted outdated text (the last two paragraphs).

CMM 10-2017: Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme in the SPRFMO Convention Area. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to amend the template in Annex II to incorporate obligations from new or amended CMMs.

CMM 12-2017: Regulation of Transshipment and Other Transfer Activities. The amendments introduced to this CMM relate to advance notification times for transshipment activities of Jack mackerel.

In addition, the Commission adopted the following decisions:

[SPRFMO IUU List](#): At its fifth meeting, the Commission reviewed and adopted the provisional IUU list developed by the CTC and did not add new vessels. The vessels from the 2016 IUU List were retained. Other RFMOs and FAO were notified of the SPRFMO IUU List after the meeting.

[SPRFMO Compliance Report](#): The Commission adopted the second SPRFMO Compliance Report.

[Decision 05-2017](#): The Commission agreed on a Procedure for the Recruitment of the Executive Secretary, establishing selection criteria and a timeline for the process.

The report of the Commission and all related documents are available on the SPRFMO website at www.sprfmo.int.

3. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNGA OR THE FAO

The SPRFMO Convention and the decisions and CMMs adopted by the Commission include numerous references to United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and FAO agreements, resolutions and recommendations which have been reported in previous years. In 2017, the Commission did not adopt additional references to recommendations of the UNGA and FAO.