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France's application for CNCP status



PREMIER MINISTRE

**Secrétariat
général de la mer**

Le Secrétaire général

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Le Secrétaire général de la mer
à
Johanne Fischer, executive secretary
of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Organisation (SPRFMO),

By this letter, I formally request the accession of France to the status of Cooperating Non –Contracting Party (CNCP) of the South Pacific regional Fisheries organization (SPRFMO). The French authorities give full attention to the development of the regulation of fisheries activities all over the world. Altogether, we participate, as member or as CNCP, in the work of eleven RFMOs developing their activities over the world's oceans. France participated actively in the preparatory meetings to establish SPRFMO, and joined the organization as CNCP in 2012. A French representative attended the first annual meeting of the organization, held in Auckland in 2013.

Although we were not able to attend the second annual meeting and did not request the renewal of our CNCP status for the year 2014, nevertheless, our interest in the fisheries regulations in the South Pacific remains intact, for a number of reasons:

- 1 the inclusion of the EEZs of French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna within the high sea regulation area of SPRFMO makes it necessary for us to keep a close view on the development of fisheries regulations as it is our responsibility to participate, as far as we are concerned as coastal state, in the control and enforcement of the decisions taken by the parties,
- 2 it is our understanding that fisheries regulations have to be consistent across geographic areas, and that Parties participating in works on fisheries regulations in other fora can make useful contributions to the debate, even without voting power,
- 3 although France has no current fishing activity directed towards stocks regulated by SPRFMO in its area of competence, we are keen on staying involved in the development of

the organization of fisheries regulations with a view to answer in a timely manner to any request from our fishing sector to develop its activity in the area.

Consequently, we are determined to comply with the rules regarding Cooperating Non –Contracting Parties, as stated in decision 1.02 of SPRFMO.

As stated above, France at this time has no activity nor catches to report to the organization in its regulated area the South Pacific Ocean, as all French vessels and fishing activities are under the competence of the Pacific tuna RFMOs, West Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

We kindly thank you for your attention to this application and look forward to hearing from you in the near future



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