

**3rd Meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee
Valdivia, Chile, 21 to 23 January 2016**

CTC-03-07 Rev. 1

Applications for CNCP status (Colombia, Liberia, Peru and USA)

Attached are the full applications for the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNCP) received in accordance with Decision 1.02, paragraph 2, i.e. at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee (CTC) at which the request will be considered.

ANNEX 1: Colombia

ANNEX 2: Liberia

ANNEX 3: Peru

ANNEX 4: United States of America.

In addition, the Secretariat received the following application on 1 December 2015:

ANNEX 5: Republic of Panama

Decision 1.02 (amended in 2015) stipulates:

3. A non-member seeking the status of CNCP shall include within its request:
 - a) its reason for seeking CNCP status,
 - b) a commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure that fishing vessels flying its flag and fishing in the Convention Area and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;
 - c) an explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection, once they have been adopted; full data on its historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas;
 - d) all the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission;
 - e) any further relevant information as determined by the Commission.
 - f) a statement of intent to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed should it become a Member, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission".
4. The CTC shall assess applications for CNCP status and provide recommendations and technical advice to the Commission, which shall consider, inter alia:
 - a) whether the CNCP application includes all information required under paragraph 3;
 - b) in the case of renewal, the record of compliance of the applicant with the provisions the Convention and the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission;
 - c) the applicant's record of responding to any IUU activities by vessels flying its flag that have been brought to its attention, in accordance with Article 27 of the
 - d) as appropriate, the record of compliance of the applicant with conservation and management measures of other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs);
 - e) in the case of applications for renewal of CNCP status, whether the applicant is meeting all paragraph 12 requirements for CNCP.



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CTC-03-07 ANNEX 1

Application for CNCP Status by Colombia

Bogotá D.C. 03 November, 2015

Doctor

JOHANNE FISCHER

Executive Secretary

SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

SPRFMO Secretariat

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NEW ZEALAND

REFERENCE: Application for Colombia Status Renewal as a *"Cooperating non-Contracting Party"* to the SPRFMO Convention

Dear Mrs Executive Secretary,

Concerning the request to get renewed the current status of the Republic of Colombia as a "Cooperating non-Contracting Party" (CNCP) of the *"South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization"* (SPRFMO), I would like to highlight the country was an active participant in the international and Preparatory Conference meetings to establish SPRFMO and is a signatory to the convention. The Republic of Colombia has also an interest in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO and may have vessels that enter these fisheries in the future. The national process for final ratification under domestic law is ongoing.

In this regard, and pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Decision 1.02: *"Rules for Cooperation non-Contracting Parties"*, the following information is provided to support the application of the Republic of Colombia for continued CNCP status:

a. Reason for seeking CNCP status:

The Republic of Colombia has been an active participant in SPRFMO negotiations, has an interest in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO, and supports the objective of the Convention.

- b. A commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure that fishing vessels flying its flag and fishing in the Convention Area and, to the greatest extent possible, its national comply with the provisions of the Convention and Conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission:

The Republic of Colombia is committed to cooperate fully implementing all applicable measures adopted by SPRFMO.

- c. An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection, once they have been adopted; full data on its historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas: effort and fishing areas:

The Republic of Colombia currently has no vessels participating in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO. In future terms, if vessels flying Colombian flag enter SPRFMO managed fisheries, there will be accepted the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspections.

- d. All the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission:

The Republic of Colombia has no vessels operating under the jurisdiction of SPRFMO. If Colombia flagged-vessels enter SPRFMO managed fisheries, the "National Authority for Fisheries and Aquaculture" (AUNAP) of the Republic of Colombia would provide the Commission with all relevant data and information.

- e. Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission:

The "National Authority for Fisheries and Aquaculture" (AUNAP) of the Republic of Colombia is prepared to provide any additional information necessary to support this application and under domestic law.

Finally, I deeply appreciate your attention to our CNCP application. Please, contact the AUNAP's Research Officer Doctor Javier Plata by email at javier.plata@aunap.gov.co if you have any further questions associated with this application.

Yours sincerely,

OTTO POLANCO RENGIFO
General Director – AUNAP

Researched and Drafted by: Javier Plata, "Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Officer", AUNAP
Reviewed and Approved by: Sergio Gómez, "Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Office Chief", AUNAP



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CTC-03-07 ANNEX 2

Application for CNCP Status by Liberia



**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MONROVIA, LIBERIA**

*Office of Deputy
Corporate Registrar*

November 19, 2015

Dr. Johanne Fischer, Executive Secretary
SPRFMO Secretariat
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New Zealand

RE: COOPERATING NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS

Dear Dr. Fischer:

The purpose of this letter is to request Liberia's continued participation as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party ("CNCP") of the Southern Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization ("SPRFMO"). Liberia is completely committed to collaborating in the implementation of conservation and management measures ("CMMs") adopted by SPRFMO.

In accordance with provisions set out in Decision 1.02, Liberia is submitting the following information in support of its renewal application:

1. Reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status:

Liberia's reason for seeking renewal of CNCP status is because we have in our Registry a number of reefer vessels that are participating and plan to participate in transshipment activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

Moreover, Liberia remains committed to supporting SPRFMO's efforts in combatting illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing activities.

2. Commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and to ensure that vessels flying the flag of Liberia comply with the provisions of the Convention:

Liberia is fully committed to cooperating in the implementation of CMMs adopted by the Commission and will continue to ensure that reefer vessels flying the flag of Liberia and engaging in transshipment activities in the Convention Area comply with the provisions of the Convention and CMMs adopted by the Commission. Some of those CMMs include:

- CMM 1.04: Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed To Have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area;
- CMM 2.05: Establishment of the Commission record of Vessels authorized to fish in the Convention Area;
- CMM 2.06: Establishment of the Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area;
- CMM 2.07: Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port;
- CMM 3.03: Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme in the SPRFMO Convention Area;
- CMM 3.04: Boarding and Inspection Procedures in the SPRFMO Convention Area;
- CMM 3.05 Regulation of Transshipment and Other Transfer Activities.

3. An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection:

Liberia makes an explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with SPRFMO's procedures on High Seas Boarding and Inspection.

4. Full data on Liberia's historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas:

Liberia does not have or allow fishing vessels or non-transshipment fishing activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

5. All the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission:

Liberia has consistently submitted transshipment data, VMS quarterly reports, and monthly CJM transshipment data to the Commission as required. Liberia recently submitted its 2015 Implementation Report in accordance with paragraph 5 of CMM 3.03 (*Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme in the SPRFMO Convention Area*).

6. Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission:

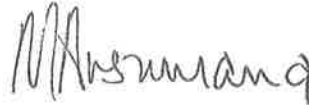
Liberia is available to provide relevant information as determined by the Commission.

7. A statement of intent to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission:

Liberia intends to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed... pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the of the Financial Regulations of the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M Ansumana', written in a cursive style.

Margaret Ansumana
Deputy Commissioner for Maritime Affairs/
Deputy Corporate Registrar
Republic of Liberia



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CTC-03-07 ANNEX 3

Application for CNCP Status by Peru



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Ministerio
de la Producción

Despacho Viceministerial
de Pesca y Acuicultura

Dirección General de
Políticas y Desarrollo Pesquero

"Año de la Diversificación Productiva y del Fortalecimiento de la Educación"
"Decenio de las Personas con Discapacidad en el Perú"

Lima, november 23, 2015

OFICIO N° 729 -2015-PRODUCE/DGP

Dr.

JOHANNE FISCHER

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
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In accordance with the provisions of Decision 1.02, of the Rules for Cooperating Non Contracting Parties (CNCs), Peru has interest to continue as CNC status with the SPRFMO, and supports its request with the following information:

- a) Peru has actively participated in the meetings of the SPRFMO during 2015. Has an interest in fisheries managed by it, and support the objective of the Convention.
- b) It's the interest of the Peruvian government's continue commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission to ensure that fishing vessels flying its flag and fishing in the Convention Area and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.
- c) Peru is committed to full cooperation for the implementation of all conservation and management measures adopted by the SPRFMO.
- d) Peru is fully prepared to continue cooperating with the transfer of the information, in accordance with the measures adopted by the Commission.
- e) Peru is prepared to provide any additional information to support this application, subject to the provisions of the national authority
- f) Peru expressed his intent to make voluntary financial contributions pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission.

I would appreciate his good disposition for to send to the Compliance and Technical Committee for due consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



GEORGE ANTONIO APOLONI QUISPE

Director of Policy and Fisheries Development

DVPA, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores



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CTC-03-07 ANNEX 4

Application for CNCP Status by USA



United States Department of State

*Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs*

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dr. Johanne Fischer
Executive Secretary
SPRFMO Secretariat
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Re: Cooperating non-Contracting Party Application

Dear Dr. Fischer:

I am writing to request the continued participation of the United States as a Cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNC P) of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO). The United States was an active participant in the international and Preparatory Conference meetings to establish SPRFMO and is a signatory to the Convention. The United States also has an interest in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO and may have vessels that enter these fisheries in the future. Our process for final ratification under domestic law is ongoing.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Decision 1.02, of the Rules for Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, I provide the following information to support the application of the United States for continued CNC P status:

- a. **Reason for seeking CNC P status:** The United States has been an active participant in SPRFMO negotiations, has an interest in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO, and supports the objective of the Convention.
- b. **A commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and to ensure that fishing vessels flying its flag and fishing in the Convention Area and, to the greatest extent possible, its nationals, comply with the provisions of the Convention and conservation and management measures adopted by the**

Commission: The United States intends to cooperate fully in implementing all applicable measures adopted by SPRFMO, to the greatest extent possible.

c. **An explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection, once they have been adopted; full data on its historical fisheries in the Convention Area, including nominal catches, number/type of vessels, name of fishing vessels, fishing effort and fishing areas:** The United States currently has no vessels participating in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO. The United States had a limited squid jig fishery that may have been operating on the high seas in the Convention Area over 10 years ago. Information regarding this historical fishery was provided to the Secretariat in our communication of November 24, 2014. Should vessels of the United States enter the Convention Area to fish for species covered by the Convention, we affirm our intention to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection. For the reasons stated in our July 2015 letter, we submit this on the understanding that U.S.-flagged fishing vessels that target tunas and tuna-like species and that operate in the SPRFMO Convention Area will not be subject to at-sea inspections by SPRFMO vessels.

d. **All the data and information members of the Commission are required to submit, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission:** The United States currently has no vessels operating under the jurisdiction of SPRFMO. If U.S. flagged-vessels enter SPRFMO-managed fisheries, the United States intends to provide the Commission with all relevant data and information.

e. **Any further relevant information as determined by the Commission:** We are prepared to provide any additional information necessary to support this application, subject to U.S. domestic authority.

f. **A statement of intent to make voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed should it become a Member, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission:** The United States intends to provide financial contributions to the Commission when it becomes a Member. However, we do not currently have funding available to provide voluntary financial contributions to the Commission.

I appreciate your attention to our CNCP application. Please contact Michael Tosatto (michael.tosatto@noaa.gov; (808) 725-5000) or Michael Brakke (BrakkeMT@state.gov; (202)647-3941) if you have any questions associated with this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Gibbons-Fly".

William Gibbons-Fly
Director
Office of Marine Conservation

cc: Michael Tosatto, NOAA Fisheries, Pacific Islands Regional Office



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CTC-03-07 ANNEX 5

Application for CNCP Status by Panama

Panamá, November 27, 2015.

DGIVC/0901/2015

Honorable
Johanne Fischer
Executive Secretary
SPRFMO

Dear Mrs. Fischer,

Reaffirming our position expressed the last year, we hereby inform that the Government of Panama officially request to the SPRFMO Commission to renew our status of Cooperating Non Contracting Party to the Convention. It is important to note that Panama is Contracting Party of IATTC, ICCAT, Cooperating non Member of the WCPFC and ratified the CCAMLR Convention.

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) and the Government of Panama are committed to prevent and eliminate the illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities. We believe that IUU fishing is one of the most serious threats facing the biodiversity of the world's oceans. Our regulations highlight our role as an international partner in the fight against IUU activities.

We are committed to comply with the conditions established in SPRFMO regulations.

The reason to seek the renewal of the status of Cooperating non Contracting Party is because we have a fleet that operate in the Convention Area.

We express our commitment to cooperate fully in the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and ensure that panamanian fishing vessels and support fishing vessels comply with the provisions of the Convention, conservation and management adopted by the Commission.

Also we inform the explicit commitment to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection.

Any additional information requested, will be provided to the SPRFMO Secretariat by ARAP.

Best Regards,


RAUL DELGADO
Director General



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DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE INSPECCIÓN, VIGILANCIA Y CONTROL

Panamá, November 30, 2015.

DGIVC/0903/2015

Honorable
Johanne Fischer
Executive Secretary
SPRFMO

Dear Mrs. Fischer,

I take the opportunity to inform that, in addition of our letter **Ref. DGIVC/0901/2015** about the request of Panama as a CNCP status, in conformity of the decisión 1.02 (amended in 2015), Panama has the intention to make voluntary financial contribution to SPRFMO commensurate with what would be assessed should it become a Member, pursuant to the scheme of contributions established by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(2) of the Convention and particularly in accordance with paragraph 4.7 of the Financial Regulations of the Commission”.

We appreciate that this letter be added to our request provided to the contracting parties.

Any additional information requested, will be provided to the SPRFMO Secretariat by ARAP.

Best Regards,


RAUL DELGADO
Director General



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