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Applications for CNCP status (Liberia, Panama, / the USA)
The Secretariat

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: Liberia

ANNEX 2: United States of America

The Secretariat received the following application on the 24th of November:

ANNEX 3: Panama

In addition, the Secretariat received a formal notification of intention to renew CNCP status from Colombia.

Decision 1.02 (amended in 2016) stipulates that:

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) a statement on how any compliance issues previously identified by the Commission have been addressed;
 - f) any further relevant information as determined by the Commission;
 - g) 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 of 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 Convention;
- 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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Application for CNCP Status by Liberia



*Office of Deputy
Corporate Registrar*

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

October 24, 2016

Dr. Johanne Fischer, Executive Secretary
SPRFMO Secretariat
P.O. Box 3797
Wellington 6140, 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 remains committed to cooperating 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 in transshipment activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

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 and supply 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, but not limited to:

CMM 2.06: Establishment of the Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area;

CMM 2.07: Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port;

CMM 3.04:	Boarding and Inspection Procedures in the SPRFMO Convention Area;
CMM 3.05	Regulation of Transshipment and Other Transfer Activities;
CMM 4.01	Trachurus Murphyi;
CMM 4.02	Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data;
CMM 4.04	Establishing a List of Vessels Presumed to have carried out IUU Fishing Activities in the SPRFMO Convention Area;
CMM 4.05	Establishment of the Commission Record of Vessels Authorized to Fish in the SPRFMO Convention Area;
CMM 4.10	Establishment of a Compliance and Monitoring Scheme in the SPRFMO Convention Area.

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 fishing vessels in our Registry, only carrier and supply vessels.

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.

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

Liberia is willing 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 black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ansumana', written in a cursive style.

Margaret C. Ansumana
Deputy Commissioner for Maritime Aff. &
Deputy Corporate Registrar
Republic of Liberia

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Application for CNCP Status by the USA



United States Department of State

*Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs*

Washington, D.C. 20520

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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 (CNCP) 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 CNCP status:

- a. **Reason for seeking CNCP 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. We reaffirm our intention to accept high seas boarding and inspections in accordance with the Commission's procedures on high seas boarding and inspection.

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. **A statement on how any compliance issues previously identified by the Commission have been addressed:** The Commission has not identified any compliance issues for the United States.

f. **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.

g. **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 black ink, reading "William Gibbons-Fly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Gibbons-Fly
Director
Office of Marine Conservation

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

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Application for CNCP Status by Panama

DESPACHO DE LA ADMINISTRACIÓN GENERAL

Panamá, November 09, 2016
AG-745-16

Honorable
JOHANNE FISCHER
Executive Secretary
South Pacific Regional Fisheries
Management Organization (SPRFMO)
Wellington, New Zealand

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.

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 status of Cooperating non Contracting Party is because we have a fleet that operate for fishing and support fishing vessel 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. Also, the commitment to make the voluntary financial contributions commensurate with what would be assessed should we become a Member established by the Commission.

All the data and information of the Commission required will be submitted, in accordance with the standards adopted by the Commission.

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

Best Regards,


Eng. Zuleika S. Pinzón
General Administrator

ZP/RD/aa

CC: Raúl Delgado, Director of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance