

Decision 1.03

Commission Decision on the granting of temporary Cooperating Non-Contracting Party status

The Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation:

Noting that the Commission adopted Decision 1.02 to enable non-Members whose vessels fish in the Convention Area to attain the status of Cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNCP).

Noting that to fully implement the process provided in Decision 1.02 the first formal decision on nominations for CNCP status will not be able to be taken until the Commission's second meeting in 2014.

Concerned to enhance cooperation with those signatory states and states that participated in the work of the Preparatory Conference that currently fish in the Convention Area.

Decides that:

"Signatory states and states that participated in the work of the Preparatory Conference which have not yet undertaken or completed their domestic procedures for ratification, acceptance, accession or approval, and wish to cooperate with the Commission, are granted temporary CNCP status until the Second meeting of the Commission or the date at which they become bound by the Convention, whichever is sooner."