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Colombia's application to renew Cooperating non-Contracting Party status



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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”, and in accordance with the Secretariat’s Letter of 22 September, 2013 in relation to either become a Contracting Party to the Convention or to renew the current CNCP status, 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, subject to Colombian domestic law.

I 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,

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