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**Russian Federation Statement on Mys Marii**

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**The statement of the Delegation of the Russian Federation**

The Russian Federation is the active player in activities for prevent, deter and eliminate of IUU fishing. The Government of Russia has adopted the National plan of fighting IUU fishing in 2013, we signed intergovernmental agreements on counteraction of IUU fishing and control of offloadings of fish products in ports with some Pacific countries (Japan, Republic of Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China, USA).

Concerning the case with the Russian vessel "Mys Marii" the Delegation of the Russian Federation would like to note the following.

After receiving the documents from the SPRFMO' Secretariat the Federal agency for fisheries started exam this infringement.

According to explanations of the master this vessel went to Busan port for offloading of production and carrying out maintenance after end of fishing in the CCAMLR area on the February 2, 2015. During trip the crew has found some congestions of fish in the SPRFMO area on the February 17, and requested the Federal agency for fisheries take permission of exploratory fishing in this area. After receiving information about impossibility this permissions according to the CMM 2.03. on the February 21 the vessel continued transition to the Busan port. The captain and crew of the vessel claim that wasn't engaged in fishing activity during this period and moved various tacks waiting for the decision on obtaining permission and explored depth and the most perspective subareas for fishing. All gears were non-working situation. The vessel was engaged in search and rise aboard the lost buoys on the February 21.

It should be noted on arrival of the vessel "Mys Marii" in Busan port on the March 18 this vessel was inspected by the 6 CCAMLR inspectors. All vessel documents (logbook), all fish products which is available on the vessel are checked. Any remarks it wasn't detected.

Considering results of this inspection Federal agency had decision about establish of the special Commission for investigate of this case.

The Russian Federation asks the CTC to take this information into account and to postpone the final decision concerning inclusion of the vessel "Mys Marii" in the IUU list until the end of fully complete work of Commission.



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Federal agency for fisheries suspended of permission for fishing for the vessel “Mys Marii” for all conventions areas for 2016.

The Russian Federation submit results of investigation for consideration of committee according to rules of procedure.