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## NATIONAL FISHERIES AUTHORITY FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE (AUNAP) COLOMBIA ANNUAL REPORT

2015 Annual Report of the Republic of Colombia to the "South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization" (SPRFMO)

The Republic of Colombia is currently a "Cooperating Non-Contracting Party" (CNCP) of the "South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization" (SPRFMO) based on the fact the SPRFMO Commission approved the application for renewal of CNCP status from Colombia in accordance with Decision 1.02. The previous statement according to the Commission Report Heading 5. Compliance and Technical Committee (CTC), and Subheading d) Status of Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCPs) of the Fourth SPRFMO Commission Meeting held in Valdivia, Chile between 25 and 29 January 2016.

As a background, it is emphasised that the Republic of Colombia was an active participant in the international and Preparatory Conference meetings to establish SPRFMO and is a signatory to the Convention. The national process and approvals for final ratification under domestic law is still ongoing.

On behalf of the Colombian Government and, as the General Director of the "National Fisheries Authority for Fisheries and Aquaculture" (AUNAP), I submit this 2015 Annual Report in accordance with Article 24(2) of the Convention. In this concern, the Republic of Colombia currently has no vessels participating in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO. As such, the Republic of Colombia has no specific data or information to provide to the Commission concerning implementation of the Commission's conservation and management measures and compliance and enforcement procedures for the 2015 calendar year.

The Republic of Colombia has a continuing interest in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO and may have vessels that enter these fisheries in the future. If Colombia-flagged vessels enter SPRFMO-managed fisheries, the Republic of Colombia would provide the Commission with all relevant data and information and abided by all relevant measures adopted.

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