



**COMISIÓN PERMANENTE DEL PACÍFICO SUR**  
*Secretaría General*

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**Mr. Bill Mansfield**

Chairman

International Consultations on the Establishment of the proposed  
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization  
Wellington.-

Dear Sir,

I address you with reference to the Fifth International Meeting on the Establishment of the proposed South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization that will be held in Guayaquil, Ecuador during 10-14 March 2008.

The four Member States of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru have requested the CPPS's General Secretariat to submit you the Resolution N° 17, adopted within the framework of CPPS's VI General Assembly held on November 2007, for its kind dissemination to all participants to the above mentioned Fifth International Meeting.

Its worth to be mentioned that Resolution N° 17 expresses the common position of CPPS's States regarding the follow up process for the establishment of the proposed RFMO for the South Pacific High Seas.

Sincerely Yours,

**Gonzalo Pereira**  
**Secretary General**  
**Permanent Commission for the South Pacific**

**VI ASSEMBLY OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC**  
**Guayaquil, Ecuador, 27, 28 and 29 November 2007**  
Point 5 of the Agenda

**Resolution N° 17**

**Follow up process for the establishment of a Regional Fisheries Management  
Organization for the South Pacific High Seas**

The Assembly,

Noting the results of the four rounds of negotiation held until the present in Wellington (February 2006), Hobart (November 2006), Reñaca (May 2007) and Noumea (September 2007).

Recalling that the proposal of convention elaborated by Bill Mansfield, independent President of the conference, constitutes the basis for the current negotiation.

Recalling also that the resolution AGNU 61/105 urges coastal States and States fishing on the high seas to pursue cooperation with regards to straddling fish stocks, either directly or through appropriate subregional or regional fisheries management organizations, to ensure the effective conservation and management of such populations.

Recognizing as well the importance of applying ecosystem management approaches to the oceans management and the necessity to integrate those approaches to the management and conservation of fisheries.

Reaffirming the role of the fishing industries in the economical development of the CPPS member States.

Noting that, in the first meeting on the establishment of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization, it was agreed that the area of application of the Convention would be the South Pacific high seas, and therefore the measures of conservation and management of the future Convention will be only applied to such an area.

Considering that according to the article 7-h) of the Statute on Competences and Structure of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, it corresponds to the Assembly to promote the adoption of joint positions of the CPPS member States in international forums and organizations.

**DECIDES:**

1.- To promote the adoption of a modern and effective Convention based on the best international practices, recalling that the objective of this Convention is to ensure the long term conservation and the sustainable use of the fishing resources, by means of the application of the ecosystem approach and the precautionary criteria.

2. - To support and reinforce of a Commission and its subsidiary bodies on scientific research, enforcement and administration. Specifically, it is considered essential the creation of the Subregional Management Committees and, concretely, the one planned for the Southeast Pacific. To reaffirm the validity of the proposals of amendment jointly presented by Chile, Ecuador and Peru in Noumea, New Caledonia, regarding the

articles 11 and 14 of the Convention proposal, which include the favorable vote of three coastal States for the decision making in the Subregional Management Committee.

3. - To promote allocation criteria that take into account:

- The preferential rights of participation of the CPPS member States as coastal countries.
- Special conditions of adjacent coastal countries to the area which depend, in higher or lower degree, on the exploitation of marine living resources.
- The special interest in the development of fisheries of coastal countries with transitional economies and their coastal communities.
- The fishing history in the area of the future convention as well as within the zones under national jurisdiction.
- The level of development of fisheries of the coastal countries to the area with economies in transition.

4.- To reaffirm that the future organization will respect the regime applied by the coastal States in zones under their national jurisdiction and that, in this sense, the organization will not be able to adopt measures that discredit those measures established within these zones.

5. - To urge the participants in the negotiation to apply in good faith the provisional measures adopted in Reñaca, Chile, including the application of the precautionary principle to fisheries in the area of the future Convention, and having in mind the exception established for countries with history in the area and that have not fished in the high seas during 2007, considering the declaration formulated by Peru on this matter during the IV round of negotiations in Noumea, which is annexed to this resolution. Furthermore, it is condemned the excessive increase of the effort in these fisheries as a way to artificially create a participation history.

6. - To renew the commitment of the CPPS member States to continue conducting joint exercises of coordination previous and during the rounds of negotiation.

7. - To request the General Secretariat to continue its participation in the process, following the process of the establishment of a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation for the South Pacific High Seas as stated in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Resolution N° 2 of the V Assembly of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific.