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Third Meeting of the Parties to the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures

31 May to 4 June 2021
Brussels, Belgium¹

Annotated Agenda

Monday 31 May 2021

High Level Segment

09:00-11:00 CEST (Recorded session)

- Opening speech by the Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries of the European Union, Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius.
- Opening speech by the Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Mr Qu Dongyu.
- Statements.
- Testimonies from Parties to the Agreement.
- Panel discussion.

11:00-14:00 CEST

1. Opening of the Meeting.
 - The Chairperson will open the meeting, recalling that this meeting aims to review and assess the effectiveness of the Agreement in achieving its objective, in line with Article 24 of the Agreement, and is the first review meeting of the Parties, in line with Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Parties.
 - The Chairperson will provide information on the consultations held with the Secretariat and Vice Chairpersons during the intersessional period in order to arrive to the decisions to first postpone the meeting, and then to hold the meeting virtually, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Meeting.
 - The Chairperson will recall that a draft Provisional Agenda was developed by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons, and was circulated to the Parties for a two week comment period, fourteen weeks prior to the opening of the meeting.

¹ To be held virtually.

- The Chairperson will remind delegates that the meeting is being held virtually through a tailor-made platform developed by the host, and that interpretation is available in all official languages of FAO.
 - The Chairperson will set out the arrangements for conducting the meeting, and remind delegates that meeting sessions are limited to a three-hour duration per day, that delegates must raise their hand if they wish to take the floor, that the order for interventions will be first Parties, then non-party FAO Members, followed by other observers, and that all interventions will need to be limited to a maximum of three minutes.
3. Status of the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA).
- The Secretariat will present the Status of the PSMA (document PSMA/2021/3), including the number of new Parties that have adhered to the Agreement since the Second Meeting of the Parties, as well as the proportion of Parties per geographical region.
 - Non-party FAO Members will be invited to provide information on their intentions to adhere to the Agreement and on the status of their internal processes to do so.
4. Recalling outcomes of the second meeting of the Parties to the PSMA.
- The Secretariat will recall the outcomes of the Second Meeting of the Parties (document PSMA/2021/2).
5. Results of the questionnaire for the review and assessment of the effectiveness of the PSMA
- The Secretariat will present the aggregated results of the questionnaire, at global and regional level (document PSMA/2021/4).
 - Parties will be invited to comment on the suitability of the questionnaire in assessing the implementation of the PSMA.

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6. Report on challenges and progress in implementation of the PSMA.
- 6.1 Report by Parties.
- Parties will be invited to comment on the effectiveness of the PSMA in its first five years of implementation in the light of the results of the questionnaire and make interventions to express their challenges and progress in the implementation of the PSMA, as well as to make suggestions to improve its effectiveness.
 - Parties may also wish to make recommendations for the improvement of the questionnaire and on the frequency of its application.
- 6.2 Report by Regional Fishery Bodies (RFBs).
- The Secretariat will present the information submitted by RFBs on their progress in the implementation of the PSMA (document PSMA/2021/5). The Secretariats of RFBs will also be invited to make interventions in this session.
 - Parties will be invited to consider the development of a standardized questionnaire for reporting on progress in the implementation of the PSMA by RFBs.

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7. Progress on the development of the PSMA Global Information Exchange System (GIES) and PSMA applications.
 - The Secretariat will provide an update on the progress in the development of the GIES (document PSMA/2021/6), including a demonstration of the prototype, and current status of the PSMA applications on designated ports and national contact points.
 - Parties will be invited to comment on the version of the GIES demonstrated by the Secretariat and consider a process for its possible endorsement to allow its operationalization. Parties (and non-Parties) may wish to comment on the status of their submission of information to the PSMA applications.
8. Requirements of developing States.
 - The Secretariat will present the status of the FAO Global Programme to support the PSMA and complementary international instruments to combat IUU fishing (the Programme) including the capacity development activities delivered and results achieved under this Programme (document PSMA/2021/7).
 - Parties that have been recipients under the Programme will be invited to comment on their experience, and all Parties will be invited to comment on the effectiveness of the Programme and make recommendations for further support to be provided by FAO.
 - The Secretariat will report on the setting up of a Trust Fund under the Part 6 Assistance Fund.
 - The Secretariat will provide an update on the Global Portal for Capacity Development to combat IUU fishing. Parties, non-Parties and other observers will be invited to comment on the usefulness of the Portal to support coordinated capacity development efforts.
 - Parties intending to contribute to the Part 6 Assistance Fund, through funding mechanisms set out in the TORs, will be invited to make their pledges under this agenda item.

Thursday 3 June 2021*11:00-14:00 CEST*

9. Strategy to improve the effectiveness of the PSMA.
 - On the basis of discussions held under previous agenda items, and considering suggestions made to improve the effectiveness of the PSMA under agenda item 6.1, Parties, together with non-Parties and other observers, will be invited to comment and make concrete recommendations on a strategy to improve the effectiveness of the PSMA.
10. Date and venue of next meeting.
11. Any other matters.
12. Closure of the meeting.

Friday 4 June 2021*11:00-14:00 CEST*

13. Adoption of the report.
 - The report will be made available in all the official languages of FAO, in its entirety, for adoption.