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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, Belgium**

Status of the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures

The Parties are invited to:

- Note the increase in Parties to the Agreement and encourage non-Parties to deposit their instrument of accession as soon as possible.

I. Introduction

1. The 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) was approved by the FAO Conference on 22 November 2009 and open for signature from 22 November 2009 until 21 November 2010, by all States and regional economic integration organizations. In that period, 23 States and the European Union (EU) signed the Agreement. The Agreement entered into force on 5 June 2016.
2. In accordance with Article 26 and Article 27 of the Agreement, the Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatories and open for accession by any State or regional economic integration organization that did not sign. In accordance with Article 36 of the Agreement, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession are deposited with the Director-General of FAO as the Depositary.

II. Status of the Agreement

3. As of 8 March 2021, there were 69 Parties to the Agreement, including the European Union as one Party representing its 27 Member States¹. Nine new Parties have deposited instruments of accession² to the Agreement since the Second Meeting of the Parties held in Santiago, Chile from 3 to 6 June 2019.
4. From a global perspective, the proportion of coastal States where the Agreement is in force is 56% and the proportion of total States where the Agreement is in force is 48% (see Annex 1). Coastal and landlocked States represent 81% and 19% of total States respectively.
5. From a regional perspective, the proportion of coastal States where the Agreement is in force is lowest in the Near East (29%) and Southwest Pacific (38%), medium in Latin America and the Caribbean (52%), Asia (58%) and Africa (58%), and highest in Europe (73%) and North America (100%); and the proportion of total States where the Agreement is in force is lowest in the Near East (24%), Southwest Pacific (38%), and Africa (39%), medium in Asia (46%) and Latin America and the Caribbean (48%), and highest in Europe (69%) and North America (100%) (see Annex 1).
5. Non-parties may wish to provide information at the present meeting on their intentions to adhere to the Agreement and on the status of their internal processes to do so, as appropriate.

¹ The updated status of the Agreement, including the list of signatories and Parties thereto, is available at: <http://www.fao.org/treaties/results/details/en/c/TRE-000003/>.

² The term instrument of adherence is used to include instruments of acceptance, ratification, approval and accession.

ANNEX 1

Region	Number of States (FAO Members)	Number of Coastal States (FAO Members)	Number of Parties (including regional economic integration organizations)	Number of States where the Agreement is in force*	Proportion of coastal States where the Agreement is in force (%)	Proportion of total States where the Agreement is in force (%)
Africa	49	33	19	19	58	39
Asia	24	19	11	11	58	46
Europe	49	40	10	34	73 [#]	69
Latin America and the Caribbean	33	31	16	16	52	48
Near East	21	17	5	5	29	24
North America	2	2	2	2	100	100
South West Pacific	16	16	6	6	38	38
Global	194	158	69	93	56 [#]	48

* The Agreement is also in force in overseas territories of Denmark and France through their accession to and approval of the Agreement, respectively. France and Denmark are not double counted.

The five landlocked States of the European Union have been removed from this calculation.