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EIGHTH REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE  
COMMISSION II

1. At its fourth meeting, held on 16 November 1993, the Resolutions Committee examined the draft Conference Resolution on the Preparation, Implementation and Monitoring of the International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing submitted by the delegation of Mexico.
2. In line with paragraph (e) of its Operating Procedures, the Committee consulted the delegation of Mexico and with its concurrence made certain amendments to the draft Resolution.
3. The draft Conference Resolution on the Preparation, Implementation and Monitoring of the International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing, incorporating the amendments made by the Resolutions Committee, is transmitted, herewith, to Commission II.

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RESOLUTION .../93

PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESPONSIBLE FISHING

Recognizing the contribution of fisheries to food security, community welfare and trade, and the need to guarantee the sustainability of fisheries resources for future generations;

Taking into account the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the 1984 FAO World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development;

Reaffirming the Cancún Declaration endorsed by UNCED in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992 and by the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) at its Twentieth Session, held 15-19 March 1993;

Recalling the unanimous agreement of COFI and the Council, at its 103rd Session in June 1993, that a Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing would be vitally important for the future sustainable development of fisheries and that the Code of Conduct should include a section on General Principles which would provide the framework for detailed guidelines on the following agreed chapters: Fishing Operations, Fisheries Management, Fair Trade Practices, Aquaculture Development, Integration of Fisheries in Coastal Area Management, and Research;

Further recalling that the Council had requested FAO to elaborate the Code of Conduct as a matter of priority;

Noting the proven effectiveness of the "fast track" approach for certain aspects of the Code of Conduct, which has resulted in the preparation and negotiation of the important Draft Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Agreed Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas;

Recognizing that the outcome of the UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks may well have implications for FAO's programme of work to improve management regimes for the living resources of the high seas and to assist developing countries in this respect;

Requests the Director-General to place the preparation and adoption of the General Principles of the International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing on the "fast track", without in any way pre-empting the outcome of the UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

Further requests the Director-General to seek the necessary resources for the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the International Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing;

Invites the Director-General to monitor the outcome of the UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks with a view to ensuring that FAO's future work in the area of high-seas fisheries management is consistent with the recommendation of that Conference;

Requests the Director-General to accord greater priority to the fisheries sector in the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget for 1994-95, and in any eventual adjustments that might be made to that Programme during this biennium;

Also requests the Member States to consider progressive increases in the allocations to Major Programme 2.2: Fisheries in their proposals for the Programme of Work and Budget for future biennia;

Requests the Director-General to take appropriate measures to maintain and strengthen the role of FAO in international fisheries.