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CIRCULAR LETTER

Invitation to the intersessional meeting of the Commission on the mid-term strategy towards the sustainability of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries

FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy, 22-23 September 2016

On behalf of the GFCM Chairperson, I have the honour to confirm that, as decided by the GFCM at its fortieth session, the intersessional meeting of the Commission on the mid-term strategy towards the sustainability of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries will be held in the German Room, FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy, on 22nd and 23rd September 2016.

This intersessional meeting is being convened under the relevant provisions of the Agreement for the Establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean and is open to all Members of the Commission and to Observers. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance and travel of Representatives and Observers shall be borne by the Governments or Organizations concerned.

The session will be conducted in English and French.

... The provisional agenda and timetable for the session is enclosed. Further documents and logistic information are regularly made available at: www.fao.org/gfcm.

Contracting parties as well as cooperating non-contracting parties to the GFCM will be invited to provide in advance relevant information on national strategies in place as well as on issues related to technical assistance and the implementation of the mid-term strategy. Additional details will be shared in due course.

In accordance with Article 6 (1) of the GFCM Agreement and particularly with Rule III (2) of the GFCM Rules of Procedure whereby “at each session, the Secretary shall receive the credentials of delegations, observer nations and international organizations participating as observers and such credentials shall conform to the standard form set by the Secretariat”, it is asked to send the above mentioned information following the attached standard format.

In this regard, you are kindly invited to submit as soon as possible the mentioned credentials with the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers officially designated to attend the session to the GFCM Secretariat; e-mail: GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org, fax: +39 06 570 55827.

Due to tightened international security procedures, delegates and participants requiring a visa are encouraged to deal with visa applications at their earliest convenience. Visa applications must be submitted well before the departure since up to three weeks may be required for an Italian visa to be issued.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the GFCM Secretariat.

We look forward to a strong presence at this meeting, in light of the recognized importance of the launch of the mid-term strategy. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support to the activities of the GFCM.

Best regards,



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