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Third Meeting of the Parties to the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

31 May- 4 June 2021

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Introduction

The Third Meeting of the Parties to the PSMA, hosted by the European Union and organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), will take place virtually from 31 May to 4 June 2021. The aim of the meeting is to review and assess the effectiveness of the Agreement in achieving its objective. This review meeting will include a high-level event that will be opened by the FAO Director General and the European Commissioner for Environment, Ocean and Fisheries, in which a number of other distinguished speakers will be invited to participate. Participants from Parties and non-Parties to the Agreement, international organizations, as well as civil society organizations are expected to attend this virtual high-level event.

Registration process

The registration to the Meeting is structured in two phases:

✓ **Phase 1 - FAO official accreditation:**

FAO Members (both Parties to the Agreement and non-party Members) can proceed with the online registration that will be accessible through the password-protected area of the FAO Members Gateway at <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/home/en/>. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the website.

Observer delegates as well as representatives from eligible intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations designated to attend, are requested to complete a registration form available at <http://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/meetings/meetings-parties/mop3/en/> and submit it as soon as possible to the PSMA Secretariat: PSMA-registration@fao.org.

✓ **Phase 2 – European Commission technical registration and access to the virtual platform:**

The European Commission, which is hosting the meeting on an online platform, will send a confirmation e-mail, to each participant who has registered in Phase 1, via this e-mail address: SCIC-CONF-REGISTRATION@ec.europa.eu. Other communications with guidelines and links on how to connect will be sent via the same e-mail address.

Meeting platform

The meeting will be held on a customised online platform, which can be accessed best through Google Chrome on computer and smartphones. Please note that a connectivity test session will be organised in May. An Ethernet cable connection, from the modem or router to the computer, provides a more stable connection and is preferred over Wi-Fi.

Kindly note that all sessions held on this meeting platform will be recorded. If you do not consent to this, you may wish to switch off the camera.

Interpretation

Interpretation will be available in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish, and can be selected in the bottom bar of the virtual platform.

During a virtual meeting, audio quality may deteriorate unexpectedly and become insufficient for interpretation purposes. Interpreters will indicate this verbally and resume interpretation as soon as the audio quality permits.

Technical equipment checklist

Before the meeting, please test your technical equipment:

- Stable internet connection;
- Recent computer or mobile device;
- Microphone. In case several participants use one microphone, kindly make sure that whoever is speaking is close to the microphone.
- Do not use your built-in computer microphone. Try to use one of the following alternatives:
 - o USB-headset with integrated microphone;
 - o wired cell phone earphones with microphone, avoid Bluetooth;
 - o external USB-wired microphone is the next best solution;
- Webcam;
- Connect your computer via an Ethernet cable to your router and disconnect other devices. Unstable Wi-Fi is not recommended.
- Have your video/camera on when you take the floor.
- When inside the virtual platform, prior to the start of the day's session, rename your profile with your Country/Entity name followed by your name and surname/family name, using the Latin alphabet. This short procedure will be required for every session.
- Kindly sit in a quiet separate room to avoid any disturbances or unnecessary noise that will disrupt the meeting.

Programme

<i>Agenda summary¹</i>		
<i>Monday, 31 May 2021</i>	<i>09:00-11:00 CEST</i> <i>High-level event</i> <i>(web-streamed)</i>	<i>11:00-14:00 CEST</i>
<i>Tuesday, 1 June 2021</i>		<i>11:00-14:00 CEST</i>
<i>Wednesday 2 June 2021</i>		<i>11:00-14:00 CEST</i>
<i>Thursday 3 June 2021</i>		<i>11:00-14:00 CEST</i>
<i>Friday 4 June 2021</i>		<i>11:00-14:00 CEST</i>

¹ Click here for the [draft Agenda](#) and the [annotated Agenda](#).

Virtual exhibition

A virtual exhibition has been set up, with content relevant to the PSMA and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. To view the exhibition on Google Chrome, please visit here:

<https://www.psmamop3.eu/>

Other

Official PSMA website: <http://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/en/>

Official working documents:

Documents can be consulted at <http://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/meetings/meetings-parties/mop3/en/>

Further information and contacts:

For any further information about the meeting and the registration Phase 1, please send an email to:

PSMA-registration@fao.org

For technical issues regarding the access to the virtual platform, please send an e-mail to:

SCIC-CONF-PSMA-2021@ec.europa.eu