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REPORT OF THE 4th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE 2011

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1. OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON MR. BONNY AMUTSE

The 4th Annual meeting of the SEAFO Compliance Committee was convened on the 11th - 12th October 2011 at Safari Hotel Windhoek, Namibia. The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

2. Appointment of Rapporteurs

The Chairperson appointed Messrs Malcolm Block and Desmond Bester both from Namibia as rapporteurs.

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Arrangements

The agenda was adopted with a minor amendment, namely (Annex I):

- Point 12 to become point 7 and subsequent points adopted accordingly.

4. Introduction of the Parties Delegations

The Chairperson requested the heads of delegations to introduce their delegates. The following heads of delegation introduced their delegates (Annex II):

- European Union
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Namibia
- Norway

5. Introduction and admission of Observers

The chairperson recognized the presence of the observers such as:

- USA
- Fisheries Observer Agency
- CCAMLR
- FAO

6. Executive Secretary's Report on Compliance (DOC/CC/Meeting/03/2011)

The Executive Secretary presented his report on compliance cited in the document DOC/CC/Meeting/03/2011.

Discussion on the Executive Secretary compliance report (DOC/CC/Meeting/03/2011)

After the presentation of the Executive Secretary's report on compliance, the parties discussed and made some suggestions.

Norway made one observation on the SEAFO Authorized list of vessels that contains 36 vessels compared to fishing opportunities available in SEAFO Convention Area with small quotas, and raised the concern that all 36 vessels may fish on these small quotas and suggested that Contracting Parties should limit the number of vessel licensed to fish in the Convention Area.

The EU agreed and informed the meeting that the EU has already reduced the number of vessel licensed to fish in SEAFO Convention Area and will as soon as possible review it again.

7. Consideration of working document: SEAFO SYSTEM OF OBSERVATION, INSPECTION, COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT (DOC/CC/Meeting/10/2011)

The EU has submitted a very extensive and comprehensive working document on SEAFO SYSTEM OF OBSERVATION, INSPECTION, COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT for discussion at the meeting. It was realized that it includes major policy issues that needs to be reviewed before it can be approved by the Compliance Committee. Several Contracting Parties requested additional time to go through the document before making any commitment. The EU then proposes a technical working group to review the working document and to consider new points before a final document be presented for discussion at CC.

Findings from technical working group:

The technical working group agreed to exchange views on the technicalities of the document. The EU gathers the observations from the other CP which will be included in a revised version of the document that will be circulated as soon as possible following the annual commission meeting. CP agreed to the principle to have technical inter - sessional meeting to progress the development of the document. However, some CP have still to confirm, before the end of this annual commission meeting, with their hierarchies their availabilities to attend such a meeting and advice possible dates and venues for such a meeting.

After considering the difficulties associated with holding an inter-sessional meeting, the EU propose that the Compliance Committee meet 3 days prior to the 2012 meeting to finalize the document to present to the Commission. A revised document will be prepared by the EU and circulated amongst CP's before the end of 2011. CP will be given 3 months to submit comments and these comments will be circulated to all CP's and presented in a revised document to be circulated before the end of June 2012 and this document will provide the basis for the 3 day Compliance Committee meeting prior to the 2012 annual meeting. This proposal was approved by all CP.

The EU formally expresses disappointment and frustration that the amendments proposed to the paragraph 18 and 19 of the CM 08/06 relating to the inclusion of additional RFMO's IUU Lists of Vessels to the SEAFO IUU List of Vessels, as recommended by the Performance Review Panel and agreed by the Commission last year has not been adopted. The EU considers that this seriously delays progress of the International Community's efforts to combat IUU Fisheries.

Norway supported the views express by the EU.

Consideration of the working document: SEAFO – Port State control of foreign Fishing Vessels

Norway presented a working document to the Secretariat for discussion at the Compliance Committee meeting and the amendments have been incorporated into the final document that will be made available to all CP by the Secretariat.

8. Consideration of the working document: Review of SEAFO Conservation Measure 07/06

Norway presented a working document and suggested that the technical working group could also review this document and report back to CC. Taking into account the technical working group did not reach agreement on the SEAFO system (OICE) document this proposal is deferred to the next discussion on the system.

9. Consideration of the revision of the SEAFO IUU Vessel list Conservation Measure 08/06

The meeting deliberate on revising the SEAFO IUU Vessel List and suggestions were made to include the IUU Vessel List of CCSBT, GFCM, IATTC, ICCAT, IOTC and WCPFC on the revised SEAFO IUU Vessel List. The Secretariat informed the meeting that the current list was revised and include only those SEAFO is having agreement with i.e. NEAFC, NAFO and CCAMLR.

Korea suggested to delete par. 3J.

The meeting could not agree on the amendments on the point 18 and 19 and defer point 3 to next year meeting to allow members to consult how other RMFO's handle this matter.

10. Consideration of working document: Follow – up of infringements (DOC/CC/MEETING/08/2011)

The EU presented a working document for discussion. Namibia suggested that the SEAFO SYSTEM OF OBSERVATION, INSPECTION, COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT needs first to be discussed before the working document can be approved. Japan, Korea and Norway supported the suggestion by Namibia and proposed a postponement until the inspection system is discussed and approved. Taking into account the technical working group did not reach agreement on the SEAFO system (OICE) document this proposal is deferred to the next discussion on the system.

11. Consideration of working document: Observer Programme

The EU refers to article 16 and wanted clarification whether it refers to a scientific observer or compliance observer and the answer was compliance observer. Japan also needed clarification as to whether two observers should be carried on board, one compliance observer and one scientific observer.

The EU replied by stating that under the current legislation a scientific observer is already a requirement and therefore if this proposal is accepted as such a compliance observer and scientific observer will be required in the future. However, this matter should be discussed when the system will be address by the compliance committee. Japan then suggested that the scientific observer also be mandated the functions of a compliance observer due to the lack of accommodation and cost involved. This was supported by Namibia and Korea.

The meeting decided to defer the matter to the technical working group to discuss and report back to CC. Taking into account the technical working group did not reach agreement on the SEAFO system (OICE) document this proposal is deferred to the next discussion on the system.

12. Recommendations on additional Measures of Compliance

The meeting deferred the matter to the technical working group to advice on additional measures of compliance that may arise during their discussions on the SEAFO system (OICE) document. Taking into account the technical working group did not reach agreement on the SEAFO system (OICE) document this proposal is deferred to the next discussion on the system.

13. Any Other Matters

13.1 Some CPs experience difficulties reporting VMS data.

The Executive Secretary referred to CM 07/06 which states that CP should transmit VMS data every 2 hours to the Secretariat. This however is not happening and CP submits VMS data only in summary format.

Norway supported by EU noted that this CM is already enforced and urge all CP to comply with the CM which was agreed by the committee.

13.2 SEAFO Secretariat investigates the apparent mismatch between the 2010 longline catch position and VMS data in some areas and report to the Compliance Committee if necessary.

The Executive Secretary informed the meeting that they experienced IT system failure at the Secretariat and as a result some information was lost. He however confirmed that CP does submit information and could not be blamed because of such system errors.

The EU proposes that these systems problems to be solved inter - sessionally and communicated to CP which has been agreed by the committee.

13.3 SEAFO adopts a standardized format for the reporting of latitude and longitude data for VMS. This format should also be adopted in skipper and observer logbooks.

The Executive Secretary informed the meeting that CM 07/06 specified the format for VMS Reporting. The skippers however use different methods to submit information that make it difficult for the Secretariat to extract the information. The reporting format should be in decimal format and CP should comply with this CM.

The EU proposed that non – compliers should be identified and discussed at next year meeting for possible action to be taken which was agreed by the committee.

13.4 Vessel speed to be included in VMS data reported by CPs to the Secretariat.

The Executive Secretariat informed the meeting that this request will actually mean changing the current VMS reporting format and in effect also conservation measure 07/06 because it is new and additional information.

Korea informed that the SEAFO trawl form already makes provision for speed. The Secretariat confirmed, but it is difficult for the Secretariat to determine whether this supplied information relates to steaming or fishing.

Japan informed the meeting that they may have difficulty in providing vessel speed, due to technical problem and proposes the matter to be deferred to next year meeting to engage in further consultation.

15. Adoption of the Report

After the presentation of the report, it was adopted by the Compliance Committee.

16. Venue and Date of next meeting

To be agreed by the Commission.

17. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson expressed his satisfaction with the work done and thanked all members for their valuable contributions. He then declared the meeting closed.

Annex I



Agenda of the 4th Annual Meeting of the Compliance Committee Windhoek, Namibia 11 – 12 October 2011

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Chair: Mr B. Amutse, Namibia

Vice Chair: Norway

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10. Consideration of the revision of the SEAFO IUU Vessel list *cf.* Conservation Measure 08/06
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Annex II

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