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The Commission, in order to:

- ensure the effectiveness of CCAMLR conservation measures;

- enhance cooperation with non-Contracting Parties, including those implicated in fishing which undermines the effectiveness of those measures (hereafter referred to as illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU) fishing); and

- eliminate IUU fishing, including that by non-Contracting Parties,

hereby adopts the following policy:

I. The Executive Secretary is requested to develop a list of non-Contracting Parties implicated in IUU fishing and or trade either after the adoption of this policy or during the three years prior, which has undermined the effectiveness of CCAMLR conservation measures.

II. The Chairman of the Commission shall write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of each non-Contracting Party included in the abovementioned list explaining how IUU fishing undermines the effectiveness of CCAMLR conservation measures. The letter, as appropriate, will:

   (a) invite and encourage non-Contracting Parties to attend as observers at meetings of the Commission in order to improve their understanding of the work of the Commission and the effects of IUU fishing;

   (b) encourage non-Contracting Parties to accede to the Convention;

   (c) inform non-Contracting Parties of the development and implementation of the CCAMLR Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp. and provide them with a copy of the conservation measure and the explanatory memorandum;

   (d) encourage non-Contracting Parties to participate in the CCAMLR Catch Documentation Scheme and draw their attention to the consequences for them of not participating;

   (e) request non-Contracting Parties to prevent their flag vessels from fishing in the Convention Area in a manner which undermines the effectiveness of measures adopted by CCAMLR to ensure conservation and sustainably managed fisheries;

(f)   if their flag vessels are involved in IUU fishing, request non-Contracting Parties to provide information to the CCAMLR Secretariat on their vessels' activities, including catch and effort data;

(g)   seek the assistance of non-Contracting Parties in investigating the activities of their flag vessels suspected of being involved in IUU fishing, including inspecting such vessels when they next reach port;

(h)   request non-Contracting Parties to report to the CCAMLR Secretariat on landings and transhipments in their ports in accordance with the format specified in Attachment A; and

(i)   request non-Contracting Parties to deny landing or transhipments in their ports for fish harvested in CCAMLR waters not taken in compliance with CCAMLR conservation measures and requirements under the Convention.

III.   Parties shall individually and collectively take all appropriate efforts to implement or assist in the implementation of this policy; such efforts may include taking concerted action on joint demarches on non-Contracting Parties to complement correspondence from the Chairman.

IV.   The Commission will annually review the effectiveness of the implementation of this policy.

V.   The Executive Secretary will regularly inform non-Contracting Parties concerned of new conservation measures adopted by CCAMLR.

**SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION BY NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES
ON LANDINGS AND TRANSHIPMENTS OF TOOTHFISH
(*DISSOSTICHUS* SPP.) IN THEIR PORTS**

To the extent possible the required information should be submitted in the following format:

(i)   whether the vessel is a fishing or cargo vessel; if it is a fishing vessel, what type of vessel (trawler/longliner);

(ii)   the name, international call sign and registration number of the vessel;

(iii)   the flag and port of registration;

(iv)   whether an inspection had been conducted by the Port State and, if so, its findings, including information on the fishing licence of the vessel concerned;

(v)   the species of fish involved, including the weight and form of catch, and whether it was landed or transhipped;

(vi)   if a fishing vessel, the location(s) in which it had operated according to the vessel's records and where it reported the catch as having been taken (CCAMLR or non CCAMLR); and

(vii)   the nature of any matters requiring further investigation by the Flag State.

CCAMLR COOPERATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

<u>Objectives</u>

The aim of this Cooperation Enhancement Program is to encourage and build the capacity of non-Contracting Parties to cooperate with CCAMLR. The ultimate desired outcome is more countries working with CCAMLR to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing on the water and in their ports.

Cooperation between non-Contracting Parties and CCAMLR may be through:

• exchange of information about IUU fishing with CCAMLR;

• participation in key CCAMLR initiatives, such as the CDS, through implementation of conservation measures;

• acceding to the Convention and/or joining the Commission, as appropriate.

<u>Guiding Principles</u>

The Cooperation Enhancement Program has the following attributes:

• a focus on technical cooperation;

• flexibility to tailor cooperation to meet the needs of both the Commission and the recipient State on a case-by-case basis;

• a partnership model involving the CCAMLR Secretariat, experienced CCAMLR Member(s) as sponsors and the recipient States(s);

• matching of sponsors and recipients based on expertise, historical relationships between States and proximity;

• central repository of information and training material by the CCAMLR Secretariat.

<u>Resourcing</u>

CCAMLR Members will initially fund their own costs of delivery and participation in cooperation enhancement exercises. The Commission should investigate other sources of funding, including the establishment of a special fund to which Contracting Parties can contribute. CCAMLR Members can develop their own training materials at any time as required.

To encourage consistency and ensure effective use of Members' resources, CCAMLR Members will actively share training materials. This will be facilitated by the Secretariat maintaining a central repository of relevant materials and information on the CCAMLR

website. CCAMLR conservation measures will always form the basis of technical and training cooperation. CCAMLR will fund the development of a package of standing training materials for the Catch Documentation Scheme that will be available to all members.

Selecting Countries for Capacity Building

The Commission will agree a priority list of countries that may benefit from technical cooperation and update this list as required. The list will be developed from information submitted by members, including reports on the activity and movement of IUU fishing vessels and their interactions with non-Contracting Parties.

Inclusion of countries on the list will be guided by the following criteria:

- The country is a key flag and/or port State for toothfish, and its cooperation would assist the Commission to better control IUU fishing and trade of fish caught in an IUU manner and/or achieve the objective of the Convention.

- The country is open to change and there is genuine political will to cooperate with CCAMLR and combat IUU fishing, but the country does not do so because it lacks the resources or expertise.

- With some training and technical assistance over time, the country would eventually be able to implement relevant conservation measures on their own.

- The country has appropriate government structures to commit the necessary time and resources to allow it to effectively participate in technical cooperation and is prepared to make a commitment to such cooperation (for example, by nominating a competent authority for implementation of the CDS).

Reporting

CCAMLR Members are encouraged to report on the nature and outcomes of their technical cooperation. This reporting is at the discretion of Members, but could take the form of a Commission circular or a presentation at the Commission meeting.