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**Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation
of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the
Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the
Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish
Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks**
New York, 24-28 May 2010

Draft organization of work

Framework questions

Delegations are requested to organize their interventions around the following questions so as to frame the discussions on assessing the effectiveness of the Agreement:¹

1. In which areas is implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 proceeding generally well?
2. In which areas is implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 at an early stage or where has there been little progress in implementation?
3. What means could be proposed to further strengthen the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement?

¹ This methodology does not preclude delegations from addressing other questions in order to complement and inform the discussions.



Programme of work²

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item/programme</i>	
Monday, 24 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 1-7	Opening formalities
	Item 8	Assessment of the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks
	Item 8 (a)	<p>Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to the conservation and management of stocks — recommendations 18 (a) to (k), 19 and 20 (framework questions 1 and 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption and implementation of measures [paras. 89-91, 137-140, 185] • Establishment of new regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 92-93, 141-142, 186] • Application of precautionary and ecosystem approaches [paras. 94-102, 143-149, 175-177, 187, 194] • Achievement of compatible measures [paras. 103-107, 150-152, 188] • Development of area-based management tools [paras. 108-114, 153-156, 189] • Management of fishing capacity and elimination of subsidies [paras. 115-123, 157-162, 190] • Lost or abandoned fishing gear and discards [paras. 124-129, 163-165, 191] • Data collection and sharing of information [paras. 130-136, 166-173, 178-181, 192-194] • FAO data arrangements and the global fisheries statistics database [paras. 182-184, 194]
3-6 p.m.	Item 8 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to mechanisms for international cooperation and non-members — recommendations 32 (a) to (k) (framework questions 1 and 2):

² Paragraph references in square brackets correspond to paragraphs in the report of the Secretary-General to the resumed Review Conference (A/CONF.210/2010/1).

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening mandates and measures in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 196-201, 225-228, 295] • Performance reviews and best practice guidelines [paras. 247-299] • Strengthening and enhancing cooperation among regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 202-206, 229-232, 300] • Participation in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 207-213, 233-239, 301-302] • Decision-making rules and procedures in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 214-217, 240-242, 303] • Effective control by flag States [paras. 218-220, 243, 304] • Fisheries of developing States [paras. 221-224, 244-246, 305]
Tuesday, 25 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 8 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	<p>Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to monitoring, control and surveillance, and compliance and enforcement — recommendations 43 (a) to (o) (framework questions 1 and 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening effective control over vessels [paras. 307-319, 364-369, 403-405] • Assessment of flag State performance [paras. 320-323, 370-374, 398, 406] • Adoption of port State measures [paras. 324-326, 375-377, 399-400, 407] • Strengthening compliance and enforcement schemes in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 327-331, 378-382, 408-409] • Alternative mechanisms for compliance and enforcement in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 332-333, 383-385, 410]

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation of transshipment, supply and refuelling vessels [paras. 334-342, 386-392, 411-412] • Strengthening fisheries access agreements [paras. 343-347, 413] • Market-related measures [paras. 348-354, 393-394, 414] • International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Network [paras. 355-357, 415] • FAO Compliance Agreement and global record of fishing vessels [paras. 358-363, 395-397, 401-402, 416]
3-6 p.m.	Item 8 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	<p>Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to developing States and non-parties — recommendations 55 (a) to (f), 56 and 57 (framework questions 1 and 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of wider participation in the Agreement [paras. 418-423, 454] • Enhancing the participation of developing States in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements [paras. 427-436, 455-456] • Cooperation with and assistance to developing States [paras. 437-440, 455] • Capacity-building needs of developing States [paras. 449-452, 457] • Capacity-building mechanisms and programmes, including the Part VII Assistance Fund [paras. 424-426, 441-448, 453, 455, 457]
Wednesday, 26 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 8 (b)	Consideration of proposed means to further strengthen the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement (framework question 3)
3-6 p.m.	Item 8 (b) (<i>continued</i>)	Consideration of proposed means to further strengthen the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement (framework question 3)

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item/programme</i>
Thursday, 27 May	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Presentation and discussion of the summary of discussions under item 8(b), prepared by the President
3-6 p.m.	Discussion of the final report of the Conference
Friday, 28 May	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Further discussion of the final report of the Conference
3-6 p.m.	Items 9-12 Concluding formalities
