

# South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

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Dear Sir,

I refer to paragraph 168 of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 67/79 (the Resolution) and wish to provide the following information concerning the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) that is relevant to the Resolution. I apologise for the delay in providing this report.

Following the entry into force of its Convention on 24 August 2012, the Commission of the SPRFMO started its work at its first Meeting held from 30 January to 2 February 2013. As well as dealing with important organisational matters including arrangements for subsidiary committees, adoption of Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations and a budget, the Commission adopted four Conservation and Management Measures.

Of relevance to paragraph 13 of the Resolution the SPRFMO Conservation and Management 1.03 established standards for the collection, reporting, verification and exchange of data.

Of relevance to paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Resolution, the budget includes an item specifying the costs to finance the travel and subsistence for one representative from each developing State Contracting Party in the region and in particular the least developed among them and small island developing states and, where appropriate territories and possessions, to each meeting of the Commission and to relevant subsidiary bodies of the Commission. The Financial Regulations of the SPRFMO have established a fund to facilitate the effective participation of developing state parties, whose purposes are to provide assistance to:

- (a) improved conservation and management of the fishery resources and the development of fisheries for such resources, and
- (b) building capacity in key areas such as monitoring, control and surveillance, compliance and enforcement, data collection, verification and analysis, stock assessment and scientific research.

Of relevance to paragraphs 50 to 52 and 55 and 56 of the Resolution, the SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measure 1.04 established a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the SPRFMO Area and agreed actions to be taken to prevent and deter such activity.

Of relevance to paragraphs 103 and 104 of the Resolution, the SPRFGMO Conservation and Management Measures CMM 1.01 addresses the conservation and management of Chilean jack mackerel (*Trachurus murphyi*) in the eastern Pacific. This stock straddles the high seas and the Chilean and other zones of national jurisdiction and supports the largest fishery in the SPRFMO area. CMM 1.01, with the express consent of Chile applies to the SPRFMO Area and the Economic Zone of Chile. This stock has been overfished for several years and the measure reduces catches to level which allow for stock rebuilding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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