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

21-25 April 2025

Manta, Ecuador

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday 21 April

09:00-12:00

1. Opening of the Meeting

- *The Chairperson will open the meeting, recalling that this meeting is convened in accordance with the Rules of Procedure (ROP) adopted by the Parties to the Agreement, and attended by the Parties and observers defined in Rule 8 of the ROP.*
- *The Chairperson will provide information on the consultations held with the Secretariat and Vice Chairpersons during the intersessional period on the organization of the meeting.*

2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Meeting

- *The Chairperson will recall that a draft Provisional Agenda was developed by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons, and was circulated to the Parties for a two-week comment period.*
- *The Chairperson will remind delegates that interpretation is available in all official languages of FAO.*
- *The Chairperson will set out the arrangements for conducting the meeting, and remind delegates that meeting sessions will be conducted in accordance with the schedule provided, that delegates must raise their hand if they wish to take the floor, that the order for interventions will be first Parties, then non-party FAO Members, followed by other observers, and that all interventions will need to be limited to a maximum of three minutes.*
- *The Chairperson will recall that working documents and information documents have been prepared to facilitate the discussions and guide decisions during the meeting.*
<https://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/meetings/meetings-parties/en/>

3. Status of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA)

- *The Secretariat will present the Status of the PSMA (document PSMA/2025/2), including the number of new Parties that have adhered to the Agreement since the Fourth Meeting of the*

Parties, as well as the proportion of Parties per geographical region.

- *Non-party FAO Members will be invited to provide information on their intentions to adhere to the Agreement and on the status of their internal processes to do so.*
4. Recalling decisions of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the PSMA
- *The Secretariat will recall the outcomes of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties (document PSMA/2025/Inf.3).*

14:00-17:00

5. Report on progress and challenges in implementation of the PSMA

5.1. Review of the results of the questionnaires

- *The Secretariat will present the aggregated results of the questionnaires, at global and regional level (document PSMA/2025/4).*
- *Parties will be invited to discuss the results and decide on actions to strengthen the implementation and effectiveness of the Agreement, within the context of Article 24.*

5.2. Report by Parties

- *Parties will be invited to comment on the effectiveness of the PSMA since its coming into force, report on their challenges and progress in the implementation of the PSMA, as well as to make suggestions to improve its effectiveness.*

5.3. Report by regional fishery bodies (RFBs)

- *The Secretariats of RFBs will be invited to report on the implementation of the PSMA at regional level, including through their conservation and management measures and relevant initiatives.*

Tuesday 22 April

09:00-12:00

6. Outcome and recommendations of the Fourth and Fifth Meetings of the Technical Working Group on Information Exchange
- *The Secretariat will present the report of the Fourth and Fifth Meetings of the Technical Working Group on Information Exchange (TWG-IE) (document PSMA/2025/Inf.6 and PSMA/2025/Inf.7). Delegations will be invited to discuss and consider the outcome and recommendations of the TWG-IE.*

14:00-17:00

7. Outcome and recommendations of the Second Meeting of the PSMA *ad hoc* Strategy Working Group
- *The Secretariat will present the report of the Second Meeting of the PSMA *ad hoc* Strategy Working Group (SWG) (document PSMA/2025/Inf.4). Delegations will be invited to discuss and consider the outcome and recommendations of the SWG.*
 - *Parties will be invited to adopt the revised Terms of Reference of the SWG.*
 - *Parties will be invited to establish a Task Force to address the sustainability of the functioning of the Agreement and adopt its Terms of Reference.*

Wednesday 23 April

09:00-12:00

FREE

14:00-17:00

8. Outcome and recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Part 6 Working Group

- *The Secretariat will present the conclusions and recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Part 6 Working Group (document PSMA/2025/Inf.5). Delegations will be invited to discuss and consider the outcome and recommendations of the Part 6 Working Group.*

Thursday 24 April

09:00-12:00

9. Monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the PSMA

- *Recalling that the Bali Strategy calls for the consideration of additional mechanisms to monitor the implementation of the Agreement, apart from the use of aggregated data based on the PSMA questionnaires and other sources, Parties are invited to discuss and adopt an initial set of indicators to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the Agreement taking into account advice from the TWG-IE.*

14:00-17:00

10. Programme of work

- *Parties will be invited to draw up a schedule of meetings of the established working groups and any other technical meetings.*
- *Parties will be invited to draw up a schedule of work for operational aspects concerning the implementation of the PSMA, such as the running of the Global Information Exchange System.*
- *Parties will be invited to identify other initiatives in support of the implementation of the PSMA to be supported by FAO and in collaboration with other international organizations.*

11. Date and venue of next meeting

12. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

- *Parties will be invited to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons in accordance with Rule 3 of the ROP.*

13. Any other matters

Friday 25 April

09:00-12:00

FREE

14:00-17:00

14. Adoption of the Report

- *The report will be made available in all the official languages of FAO, in its entirety, for adoption.*

15. Closure of the meeting