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Annex

**AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION
FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES
IN
~~EASTERN & CENTRAL EUROPE~~
(EUROFISH)**

The Contracting Parties,

Conscious of the importance of fisheries as an essential sector of their national development and their contribution towards food security;

Attaching importance to the sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture;

Recognising that most of the countries in ~~Eastern and Central~~ Europe would benefit greatly from the development of their fisheries which may partly depend on the establishment of international market information and technical advisory services for fishery products, since this would lead to a more balanced supply situation on the markets, promote a more regular pattern of prices and encourage the best use to be made of fishery resources;

Recognising also the need for the countries in ~~Eastern and Central~~ Europe to be assisted in developing their fisheries industry and in strengthening the investments capacity especially of the private sector;

Realising that the promotion and success of such services can be facilitated through regional co-operation;

Considering that the said co-operation can be achieved through the establishment of an international organisation bringing together countries in transition and developed countries and carrying out its activities with countries, organisations and institutions;

Considering further that such an organisation could constitute a forum for the countries concerned to initiate post-harvest fisheries and aquaculture activities as well as common actions in the fields of investment and development, trade and market promotion.

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

ESTABLISHMENT

The Contracting Parties hereby establish the International Organisation for the Development of Fisheries in ~~Eastern and Central~~ Europe (hereinafter referred to as "EUROFISH") with the objectives and functions set out below.

Article 2

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement:

"Members" means the Member States and the Member Organisations of EUROFISH.

"Fisheries" comprises all activities related to fish, including aquaculture.

"Fishery products" means all aquatic animals, plants and products derived therefrom. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora adopted in Washington in 1973, as amended, must be respected. Cetacean species which are not covered by the said Convention shall not be included within the services provided by EUROFISH.

"Host State" means the State in which the seat of EUROFISH is situated.

"Marketing information" means data and other information on distribution, transport and sale on local and international markets, on marketing opportunities and on the overall process of product development and promotion including advertising, public relations and other services.

"Region" (or "regional") means ~~Eastern and Central~~ Europe.

"Europe" (or "European") refers to the whole European continent.

Article 3

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of EUROFISH shall be:

- (a) to provide information on fish marketing and contribute to trade promotion;

- (b) to contribute to the development of the fisheries of the Region in accordance with current and future market demand and to take full advantage of the potential offered by their fishery resources;
- (c) to promote private-sector investments and partnership arrangements in fisheries and aquaculture;
- (d) to provide technical assistance for infrastructure and human capacity development projects;
- (e) to provide assistance and guidance in the preparation of projects, feasibility studies and business plans;
- (f) to play a role in the co-ordination of donor initiatives in the Region;
- (g) to contribute to the upgrading and modernisation of fisheries in the Region;
- (h) to contribute to more balanced supplies of fishery products in the Region;
- (i) to make the best use of export opportunities within and outside the Region;
- (j) to promote technical and economic co-operation among its Members in the fisheries sector.

Article 4

FUNCTIONS

For the achievement of its objectives, EUROFISH shall:

- (a) provide its Members with marketing information on fishery products, including sales opportunities and supply prospects within and outside the Region;
- (b) advise its Members on technological developments, product specifications, processing methods and quality standards in accordance with market requirements;
- (c) assist its Members in developing new products and marketing opportunities for fishery resources that are not fully utilised for human consumption;
- (d) assist its Members in the planning and implementation of national fish market information and research activities in the Region;
- (e) train staff in governments and institutions of Member States, in marketing development and strengthen national institutions involved in this field;
- (f) provide technical assistance for the identification of investment opportunities.

Article 5

SEAT

1. The headquarters of EUROFISH shall be in Copenhagen, Denmark. At any time, the Governing Council may decide to transfer the seat of the Organisation to another city or another country of the Region. Decisions regarding the transfer of the EUROFISH seat require a two-thirds majority of the Organisation's Members.

2. The Governing Council may, whenever necessary, establish sub-regional offices.

Article 6

MEMBERSHIP

1. EUROFISH Members shall be the States in Europe which have signed the Agreement at a ministerial level or have ratified it or have acceded to it, as well as the States outside Europe which have been authorised by the Governing Council to accede to the Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.
2. The Governing Council of EUROFISH may, by a two-thirds majority of all its Members, authorise any State outside the Europe, which has submitted an application for membership, to accede to the Agreement as in force at the time of accession, in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 5.
3. Regional economic integration organisations constituted by European States of which any of them has transferred to it competence over matters within the purview of this Agreement, may become a Member of EUROFISH by acceding to the Agreement.
4. Upon the deposit of its instrument of accession any organisation referred to in paragraph 3 above shall be a Contracting Party to the present Agreement having the same rights and obligations in respect of the provisions of the Agreement as the other Contracting Parties.

Article 7

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. EUROFISH shall have a Governing Council composed of all Members. Each Member shall be represented by one delegate, who may be assisted by technical experts and advisers.
2. Subject to paragraph 3 below, each Member shall have one vote. Decisions of the Governing Council shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast. Except as otherwise provided by this Agreement, a majority of the total membership of the Governing Council shall constitute a quorum. However, as far as possible, decisions of the Governing Council will be taken by consensus.
3. A Regional Economic Integration Organisation that is a Member of EUROFISH shall be entitled to exercise in any meeting of the Governing Council or of any subsidiary body of the Organisation a number of votes equal to the number of its Member States that are entitled to vote in such meeting.
4. A Regional Economic Integration Organisation that is a Member of the Organisation shall exercise its membership rights on an alternative basis with its Member States that are Members of the Organisation in the areas of their respective competence. Whenever a Regional Economic Integration Organisation that is a Member of EUROFISH exercises