

Resumed 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

23 to 27 May 2016
UNHQ, New York

Information for participants

The Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement was convened pursuant to article 36 of the Agreement in New York from 22 to 26 May 2006. The Review Conference was subsequently resumed at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 24 to 28 May 2010, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 63/112 of 5 December 2008 and resolution 64/72 of 4 December 2009. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/75, the 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 will be resumed at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 23 to 27 May 2016.

The resumed Review Conference will meet in Conference Room 2 (CB) at United Nations Headquarters, New York, starting at 10am on Monday 23 May 2016.

Working documents

The Provisional agenda (A/Conf.2010/2016/L.1) and the Draft organization of work (A/Conf.2010/2016/L.2) for the resumed Review Conference, as well as the report of the Secretary-General to the resumed Review Conference (A/Conf.2010/2016/ 1) and other relevant documents will be made available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS) at:

www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/review_conf_fish_stocks.htm. They are also available through the UN Papersmart system at: <http://papersmart.unmeetings.org/ga/resumed-review-conference-on-the-agreement-for-the-implementation-of-the-provisions-of-the-united-nations-convention-on-the-law-of-the-sea/>.

Side events

A list of lunch-time side events scheduled to take place during the resumed Review Conference is available on the website of DOALOS at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/side_event_request_formRRC2016.pdf. All lunch-time side events will be held in Conference room 7 (CB) from 1:15pm to 2:30pm.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 7 of the Provisional rules of procedure of the Review Conference (document A/CONF.210/2006/6), the original of credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers who will form part of the Government's delegation have to be

submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs (Room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017), if possible no later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the resumed Review Conference. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Pending the submission of credentials, Governments are invited to communicate to the Office of Legal Affairs, by **9 May 2016**, the names of their representatives attending the Conference, preferably in electronic form (e-mail: doalos@un.org with a copy to santosuosso@un.org).

Credentials of representatives to the resumed Review Conference will be examined by the Credentials Committee and reported to the meeting. The Review Conference appointed in 2006 and confirmed in 2010 a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine States parties to the Agreement: Germany, India, Mauritius, Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay.

Passes for intergovernmental organizations

Representatives from intergovernmental organizations invited to attend the resumed Review Conference should communicate their request to attend the meeting directly to the Protocol and Liaison Service by fax (no.: +1-212-963-1921), with a copy to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (fax no.: +1-917-367-0560; e-mail: doalos@un.org, with a copy to Khan42@un.org), for issuance of grounds passes, which will allow access to United Nations premises.

In addition, Form SG6 for issuance of grounds passes for temporary meetings can be downloaded from the website of the Protocol and Liaison Service at <http://www.un.int/protocol/formspage.htm>, and submitted with the official nomination letter to the Protocol and Liaison Service, at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations must pick-up their United Nations grounds passes directly from the United Nations Pass Office at 320 East 45th Street (between First and Second Avenue), on the ground floor, prior to attending the meeting. An official document with photograph (e.g., passport) identifying the representative must be presented at that time.

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations having a Liaison Office in New York should endeavor to obtain their United Nations grounds pass through that Office.

Passes for non-governmental organizations

To the extent possible, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) should avail themselves of the procedures set out at <http://csonet.org>. The names and contact details of the representatives obtaining their grounds passes through this procedure should be communicated to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) at least one week prior to the meeting.

In other cases, the names and contact details of representatives of non-governmental organizations attending the resumed Review Conference should, no later than 9 May 2016, be communicated to DOALOS by a formal communication from the Head of the non-governmental organization requesting issuance of grounds passes in order to have access to United Nations premises for the

duration of the meeting. Such communications should include the contact details of the representatives for whom passes are required.

DOALOS will communicate directly to the non-governmental organization representatives where and when to pick-up their United Nations grounds pass. An official document with photograph (e.g., passport) identifying the representative must be presented at the time of pick-up.

List of speakers

The Secretariat will establish a list of speakers in order to facilitate the discussions at the Conference. Participants wishing to make statements are encouraged to inform the Secretariat prior to the Conference (e-mail: doalos@un.org).

Secretariat

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will carry out the secretariat functions for the meeting. Requests for further information can be sent by e-mail to doalos@un.org with a copy to Mr. Dimtry Gonchar, Secretary of the resumed Review Conference (gonchar@un.org), or to Mr. Michele Ameri, Deputy-Secretary of the resumed Review Conference (amerim@un.org), using the subject: "Resumed Review Conference".