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**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION
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GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

Thirty-third Session

Tunis, Tunisia, 23-27 March 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Monday 23 March

Morning, 9:30 hours

- 1. Opening of the Session**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session**
 - Presentation and adoption of the agenda
 - Introduction of Contracting Party Delegations
 - Introduction of Observers
 - Meeting arrangements
- 3. Report on the intersessional activities 2008**
 - Report of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
 - Sub-Committees of SAC
 - Coordinating meeting of the Sub-Committees (CMSC)
 - Report of the Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)
 - Report of the FAO Regional projects

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Afternoon, 14:30 hours

- Third Session of the Compliance Committee (COC)-**4. Administrative and Financial issues****4.1. Report of the Secretariat**

- Activities and functioning of the Secretariat
- Headquarters of the Commission
- Status of ratification of the Amendments to the GFCM Agreement
- Member contributions to the autonomous budget
- 2008 Financial status: autonomous budget, arrears and trust funds

4.2. Establishment of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)

Tuesday 24 March

Morning, 9:00 hours

4. Administrative and Financial issues (Cont.)**LUNCH**

Afternoon, 14:00 hours

5. Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture

- Fisheries Management advice emanating from the SAC
- Aquaculture Management advice emanating from the CAQ
- Draft Recommendation (revised) concerning minimum standards for the establishment of a VMS system in the GFCM Area
- Proposal to amend the Recommendation GFCM/2006/4 on the establishment of a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the GFCM area
- Recommendations from the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) of relevance for the Mediterranean

Wednesday 25 March*Morning, 9:00 hours***5. Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture (Cont.)****- Third Session of the Compliance Committee (adoption of the report) –****LUNCH***Afternoon, 14:00 hours***6. Conclusions and recommendations of the Compliance Committee (COC)****7. Programme of work for the intersessional period 2009**

- Programme of work of SAC
- Programme of work of CAQ

8. Performance review of the GFCM**Thursday 26 March***Morning, 9:00 hours***9. GFCM budget and Member contributions for 2009-2010****LUNCH***Afternoon, 14:00 hours***9. GFCM budget and Member contributions for 2009-2010 (Cont.)****10. Any other matters****11. Date and place of the Thirty-fourth session****Friday 27 March***Morning free***LUNCH***Afternoon, 14:00 hours***12. Adoption of the Report**