



**GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION
FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
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Thirty-sixth Session of the Commission

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**STATEMENT OF COMPETENCE AND VOTING RIGHTS BY THE
EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES**

This document reproduces the statement of competence and voting rights by the European Union and its Member States, as received by the GFCM Secretariat on Monday 23rd April 2012.



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Declaration of Competences and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union

1. Opening of the Session

2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session

MS Competence – MS Vote

- Presentation and adoption of the agenda
- Introduction of delegations of Members
- Introduction of Observers
- Meeting arrangements

3. Issues related to the cooperation with International Partner Organizations, including the signature of Memoranda of Understanding

*Shared competence – EU Vote**

4. Report on the intersessional activities 2011-2012

a) Report of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

*Shared Competence – MS Vote**

- i. Sub-Committees of SAC and Working Groups
- ii. Coordinating meeting of the Sub-Committees (CMSC)
- iii. Ad hoc meeting aimed at consolidating the main outcomes, including management advice, emanating from the 14th session of the SAC

b) Report of the Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ)

*Shared Competence – EU Vote**

- i. Working Groups of CAQ
- ii. 13th Session of the Information System for the Promotion of Aquaculture in the Mediterranean (SIPAM)
- iii. Coordination Meeting of the Working Groups (CMWG)

c) Review of the activities on the Black Sea including the outcome from the first meeting of the Working Group on Black Sea

*Shared competence - MS Vote**

5. Third session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)

See attached separate declaration of competence for CAF

6. Sixth Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC)

See attached separate declaration of competence for CoC

7. Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture*EU Competence – EU Vote*

- a) Fisheries Management advice emanating from the SAC
- b) Aquaculture Management advice emanating from the CAQ
- c) Pending draft Recommendation on the management of protected areas including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs) in the GFCM Convention Area

8. Introduction of the First Framework Programme to support sustainable development and cooperation in the Mediterranean and Black Sea*Shared Competence - MS Vote ****9. Activities carried out by the FAO Regional projects to support SAC and CAQ workplan***Shared Competence – MS Vote ****10. Programme of work for the intersessional period 2012-2013**

- i. Work programme of the Scientific Advisory Committee
Shared Competence – MS Vote
- ii. Work programme of the Committee on Aquaculture
*Shared Competence – MS Vote **
- iii. Work programme of the Compliance Committee
Shared Competence – EU Vote
- iv. Work programme of the Committee on Administration and Finance
*Shared Competence – MS vote **
- v. New activities with regards to the Black Sea
*Shared Competence – MS Vote **

11. Report of the sixth session the Compliance Committee (CoC)*Shared Competence – EU Vote ****12. Report of the third session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)***Shared Competence – MS Vote ****13. Adoption of recommendations on future actions concerning the activities of the Task Force on the modernisation of GFCM legal and institutional framework***Shared Competence – MS Vote ****14. GFCM budget and Member contributions for 2012 and 2013***Shared Competence – EU Vote***15. Issues relating to the election of SAC Bureau, including the endorsement of appointed Sub-Committees Coordinators***MS Competence – MS Vote***16. Any other matters**

- Participation of GFCM to the UN “Rio +20” Conference on Sustainable Development
*Shared Competence – MS Vote **

17. Date and place of the Thirty-seventh session

MS Competence – MS Vote

18. Adoption of the Report and closure of the meeting

Shared Competence – MS Vote

* Without prejudice to further information.