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Comparative Table current GFCM Rules of Procedure vs draft amendment submitted for exam at the Task Force WG on the amendment of the GFCM legal framework

Guide to reader:

- The following comparative table is composed of three columns:
 - i) the one to the left of the reader includes the title of the provisions,
 - ii) the central one reproduces the text of the existing Rules of Procedure, and
 - iii) the one to the right contains the provisions of the revised draft GFCM Agreement (February 2014), inclusive of comments by Members and by the FAO Legal Office to the first draft proposed at Split.
- Terms such as “Contracting Parties” instead of “Members”, “marine living resources” instead of “fishery resources”, “recommendation” instead of “decision” or “measure” are replaced automatically throughout the text after the first time of their inclusion.
- ~~Erased text~~: Text which was included in the existing Rules of Procedure and which has been stricken out in revised draft.
- Underlined text: Text which has been included in the revised draft and which is not in the existing Rules of Procedure.
- [Text between square brackets]: Text whose inclusion and wording should be examined following the finalization of the GFCM Agreement being directly interlinked with provisions therein.

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<p>Definitions</p>	<p>Rule I</p> <p>For the purpose of these Rules, the following definitions apply:</p> <p>Agreement: The Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean adopted in Rome (Italy) on 24 September 1949, as amended in accordance with Article X thereof, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement.</p> <p>Commission: The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Chairperson: The Chairperson of the Commission.</p> <p>Conference: The Conference of the Organization.</p> <p>Council: The Council of the Organization.</p> <p>Delegate: The representative of a Member as specified in Article II, paragraph 1 of the Agreement.</p> <p>Delegation: The delegate and his alternate, experts and advisers.</p> <p>Director-General: The Director-General of the Organization.</p> <p>Executive Secretary: The Secretary of the Commission.</p> <p>Headquarters: The headquarters of the Commission under Article II, paragraph 11 of the Agreement.</p> <p>Member: Members and Associate Members of the Organization, and non-members of the Organization, or regional economic integration organizations as may be Members of the Commission.</p>	<p>Rule I</p> <p>1. For the purpose of these Rules, <u>the terms shall have the same meaning as those used in the Agreement, and in addition</u> the following definitions apply:</p> <p>“Agreement”: The Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, adopted in Rome (Italy) on 24 September 1949, as amended in accordance with Article X thereof, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement the Black Sea and connecting waters;</p> <p><u>“Bureau”: The Bureau established in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement;</u></p> <p>Commission: The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.</p> <p>“Chairperson”: The Chairperson of the Commission;</p> <p>Conference: The Conference of the Organization.</p> <p>Council: The Council of the Organization.</p> <p>“Delegate”: The representative of a Contracting Party as specified in Article II, paragraph 1 6 of the Agreement;</p> <p>“Delegation”: The delegate and his <u>/her</u> alternate, experts and advisers;</p> <p>Director-General: The Director-General of the Organization.</p> <p>“Executive Secretary”: The <u>Executive</u> Secretary of the Commission <u>appointed in accordance with Article 10 of the Agreement;</u></p> <p>Headquarters: The headquarters of the Commission under Article II, paragraph 11 of the Agreement.</p> <p>Member: Members and Associate Members of the Organization, and non-members of the Organization, or regional economic integration organizations as may be Members of the Commission.</p>

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	<p>Observer Nation: A nation that is not a Member of the Commission or a Member of FAO or Associate Member of the Organization, but which is a Member of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, attending a session of the Commission while not being a Member of the Commission.</p> <p>International organization participating as observer: An international, intergovernmental or non governmental organization attending a session of the Commission or its Committees or its subsidiary bodies while not being a Member of the Commission.</p> <p>Organization: The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.</p> <p>Vice-Chairpersons: The Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission.</p>	<p><u>“Observer Associate Member”</u>: An associate member of the Organization which is not a Contracting Party to the Commission attending sessions of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies in accordance with Article 15 of the Agreement;</p> <p>“Observer Nation”: A nation that is not a Contracting Party to the Commission or a Member or Associate Member of the Organization, but which is a Member of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, attending a session of the Commission while not being a Member of the Commission;</p> <p><u>“Observer</u> intergovernmental organization participating as observer”: An intergovernmental organization attending a session of the Commission, or its Committees or its subsidiary bodies as observer in accordance with Article 18 of the Agreement while not being a Member of the Commission;</p> <p><u>“Observer</u> non-governmental organization”: <u>A non-governmental organization attending a session of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies in accordance with Article 15 of the Agreement;</u></p> <p>“Organization”: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</p> <p>“Vice-Chairpersons”: The Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission.</p>
<p>Sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies</p>	<p>Rule II</p> <p>In pursuance of, and in accordance with, Article II, paragraph 10 of the Agreement, the Commission shall, at each regular annual session decide the time and place of the next session in accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s programmes and the terms of the invitation of the country in which the session is to be held, as appropriate. Sessions of the Commission may be held in a country which is a Member of the Commission or at its headquarters or at the headquarters of the Organization.</p> <p>2. The Chairperson may convene an extraordinary session of the</p>	<p>Rule II</p> <p>1. In pursuance of, and in accordance with, Article II, paragraph 10 of the Agreement,The Commission shall, at each regular session, decide the time and place of the next session <u>in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement,</u> the requirements of the Commission’s programmes and the terms of the invitation of the country in which the session is to be held, as appropriate.</p> <p>2. The Chairperson may convene an extraordinary session of the Commission:</p>

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	<p>Commission at the request or with the approval of a majority of the Members.</p> <p>3. Invitations to a regular session of the Commission shall be issued by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Chairperson and sent to Members, observer nations and international organizations participating as observers, not less than sixty days in advance of the date fixed for the opening of the session. Invitations to extraordinary sessions shall be issued not less than forty days in advance of the date fixed for the opening of the session.</p> <p>4. In order that a proposal to hold a session of the Commission or any of its organs, in a given country, may be considered, such country must have (a) ratified without reservation the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, or (b) given the assurance that all delegates, representatives, experts, observers, or other persons entitled to attend such session in accordance with the terms of the Agreement or these Rules, will enjoy the privileges and immunities necessary for the independent exercise of their function in connection with the session.</p>	<p>(a) upon request <u>of the Commission</u>; or (b) <u>upon request of Bureau</u> with the approval of a <u>simple</u> majority of the Contracting Parties;</p> <p>3. Sessions of the Commission may be held at its the headquarters of the Organization or at an agreed location in a Contracting Party or a Cooperating non-Contracting Party.</p> <p>4. Invitations to a regular session of the Commission shall be issued by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the Chairperson and sent to Members, observer nations and international organizations participating as observers, not less than sixty days in advance of the date fixed for the opening of the session. Invitations to extraordinary sessions shall be issued not less than forty days in advance of the date fixed for the opening of the session.</p> <p><u>5. The same provisions in the Agreement and in these Rules governing the regular sessions of the Commission shall govern, mutatis mutandis, the sessions of the established subsidiary bodies.</u></p> <p>6. In order that a proposal to hold a session of the Commission or any of its organs <u>subsidiary bodies</u>, in a given country, may be considered, such country must have (a) ratified without reservation the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, or (b) given the assurance that all delegates, representatives, experts, observers, or other persons entitled to attend such session in accordance with the terms of the Agreement or these Rules, will enjoy the privileges and immunities necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the session.</p>
<p>Registration and Credentials</p>	<p>Rule III</p> <p>1. The Executive Secretary shall make arrangements for the registration of delegates and observers, including by establishing a standard format to that effect. The Executive Secretary shall report to the Commission on the registration of delegates and observers, as may be required.</p>	<p>Rule III</p> <p>1. The Executive Secretary shall make arrangements for the At each session of the Commission the Executive Secretary shall make arrangements for the registration of delegates and observers, including by establishing a standard format to that effect. and shall receive the credentials of delegations observer nations and international organization participating as observers. Such credentials shall confirm to the standard form set by the Executive Secretary. Upon examination</p>

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	<p>2. At each session, the Secretary shall receive the credentials of delegations, observer nations and international organization participating as observers. Such credentials shall conform to the standard form set by the Secretariat. Upon examination thereof the Secretariat shall report to the Commission for the necessary action.</p>	<p>thereof, the Executive Secretary shall report to the Commission for the necessary action.</p>
<p>Agenda of the regular session of the Commission</p>	<p>Rule IV</p> <p>3. The provisional agenda shall be sent by the Executive Secretary to Members, observer nations and international organizations participating as observers not less than thirty days before the opening of the session, together with reports and documents available in connection therewith.</p> <p>The agenda for each regular session shall include the following items:</p> <p>(a) election of the Chairperson and of two Vice-Chairpersons as provided under Article II, paragraph 9 of the Agreement, as appropriate;</p> <p>(b) adoption of the agenda;</p> <p>(c) a report by the Executive Secretary on the financial and administrative affairs of the Commission and a report by the Chairperson or the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission;</p>	<p>Rule IV</p> <p><u>1. A provisional agenda for each regular session of the Commission shall be drawn up by the Executive Secretary and sent to the Contracting Parties following the approval of the Chairperson. The provisional agenda will also be sent to observer Associate Members which attended the previous regular session of the Commission or have requested to attend the next session. It shall be sent not less than sixty days before the date of the session, together with the reports and documents available in connection with the session.</u></p> <p><u>2. For observer Nations, observer intergovernmental organizations or observer non-governmental organizations, such information shall be sent if a decision to invite them to attend the session of the Commission has been taken. Invitations shall also be sent to intergovernmental organizations or institutions having concluded an agreement with the Commission, pursuant to Article 15 of the Agreement, formally providing for the participation of these organizations and institutions in sessions of the Commission.</u></p> <p><u>3. The Executive Secretary shall send a provisional annotated agenda, including any proposal by Contracting Parties, not less than thirty days before the session, together with relevant available reports and documents.</u></p> <p>4. The agenda for each regular session shall <u>at least</u> include the following items:</p> <p>(a) election of the Chairperson and of two Vice-Chairpersons as provided under <u>Article II, paragraph 9-6</u> of the Agreement, as appropriate;</p> <p>(b) adoption of the agenda;</p> <p>(c) a report by the Executive Secretary on the financial and administrative affairs of the Commission and a report by the Chairperson or the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission;</p>

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	<p>(d) consideration of the proposed budget;</p> <p>(e) reports on intersessional activities of the committees and the subsidiary bodies;</p> <p>(f) consideration of the time and place of the next session;</p> <p>(g) applications for membership in accordance with Article XIII, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, from States which, while not Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency;</p> <p>(h) items referred to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean by the Conference, the Council or the Director-General of the Organization.</p> <p>2. The agenda shall also include, upon approval by the Commission:</p> <p>(a) items approved at the previous session;</p> <p>(b) items proposed by the committees and the subsidiary bodies;</p> <p>(c) items proposed by a Member.</p> <p>4. The agenda of an extraordinary session shall consist only of the items relating to the purpose for which the session was called.</p>	<p>(d) consideration of the proposed budget;</p> <p>(e) reports on inter-sessional activities and recommendations of the committees of the subsidiary bodies;</p> <p>(f) <u>proposals for the adoption of recommendations pursuant to Article 8(b) of the Agreement;</u></p> <p>(g) <u>consideration of the proposed programme of work for the Commission;</u></p> <p>(h) consideration of the time and place of the next session;</p> <p>(i) applications for membership in accordance with the Agreement Article XIII, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, from States which, while not Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency;</p> <p>(j) items referred to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean by the Conference, the Council or the Director-General of the Organization.</p> <p>5. The provisional agenda may also include, upon approval of the Commission:</p> <p>(a) items approved at the previous session;</p> <p>(b) items proposed by the committees any subsidiary body;</p> <p>(c) items proposed by a Contracting Party.</p> <p>6. The agenda of an extraordinary session shall consist only of the items relating to the purpose for which the session was called.</p>
The Executive Secretary	<p>Rule V</p> <p>1. The Secretariat shall consist of the Executive Secretary and such staff responsible to him as may be appointed in accordance with the Agreement and other relevant rules and procedures as appropriate.</p> <p>2. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Director General following the approval of the Commission in accordance with the selection procedure agreed upon by the Committee.</p>	<p>Rule V</p> <p>1. The Secretariat shall consist of the Executive Secretary and such staff responsible to him as may be appointed in accordance with the Agreement and other relevant rules and procedures as appropriate.</p> <p>[1. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Director General following the approval of the Commission in accordance with the selection procedure agreed upon by the Committee <u>Article 10 of the Agreement and the procedures</u></p>

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	<p>3. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the implementation of the policies and activities of the Commission and shall report thereon to the Commission.</p> <p>4. The procedure for the selection and appointment of the GFCM Executive Secretary is provided in Annex 1.</p> <p>5. The duties of the Executive Secretary shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) receive and transmit the Commission's official communications; (b) maintain contacts with appropriate government officials, fishery institutions and international organizations concerned with the development, conservation, rational management and utilization of fisheries, as well as the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Region of the Commission, to facilitate consultation and cooperation on all matters pertaining to the objectives of the Commission, (c) maintain an active and effective network of national focal points for routine communication on progress and results of the activities of the Commission; (d) prepare and implement work programmes, prepare budgets and ensure timely reporting to the Commission; (e) authorize disbursement of funds in accordance with the Commission's autonomous budget and account for the funds of the Commission's autonomous budget; (f) participate in the formulation of proposals regarding the budget and programme of work or other activities of the Commission financed by the regular budget of the Organization; (g) stimulate interest among Members of the Commission and potential donors in the activities of the Commission and in possible financing or in implementing cooperative projects and complementary activities; (h) promote, facilitate and monitor the development of databases for 	<p><u>set out in Appendix 1 of these Rules.</u></p> <p>3. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the implementation of the policies and activities of the Commission and shall report thereon to the Commission. <u>He/She shall transmit, after each session, to the Director-General of the Organization, a report embodying its views, recommendations and decisions, and make such other reports to the Director-General of the Organization as may seem to it necessary or desirable. Reports of the committees and working parties of the Commission provided for in Article VII of the Agreement shall be transmitted to the Director-General of the Organization through the Commission.</u></p> <p>4. The procedure for the selection and appointment of the GFCM Executive Secretary is provided in Annex 1.</p> <p>5. The duties of the Executive Secretary shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) receive and transmit the Commission's official communications; (b) maintain contacts with appropriate government officials, fishery institutions and international organizations concerned with the development, conservation, rational management and utilization of fisheries, as well as the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Region of the Commission, to facilitate consultation and cooperation on all matters pertaining to the objectives of the Commission, (c) maintain an active and effective network of national focal points for routine communication on progress and results of the activities of the Commission; (d) prepare and implement work programmes, prepare budgets and ensure timely reporting to the Commission; (e) authorize disbursement of funds in accordance with the Commission's autonomous budget and account for the funds of the Commission's autonomous budget; (f) participate in the formulation of proposals regarding the budget and programme of work or other activities of the Commission financed by the regular budget of the Organization; (g) stimulate interest among Members of the Commission and potential donors in the activities of the Commission and in possible financing or in implementing cooperative projects and complementary activities; (h) promote, facilitate and monitor the development of databases for fisheries assessment and monitoring and technical, biological and socio-economic research

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	<p>fisheries assessment and monitoring and technical, biological and socio-economic research to provide a sound basis for fisheries management and aquaculture development;</p> <p>(i) coordinate the Members' programmes of research, when required;</p> <p>(j) participate, as appropriate, in the oversight of activities of projects carried out under the general framework of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies;</p> <p>(k) organize sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and other related ad hoc meetings;</p> <p>(l) prepare, or arrange for the preparation, of background documents and papers and a report on the Commission's activities and the programme of work for the submission to the Commission at its regular sessions, and arrange for the subsequent publication of the report and the proceedings of the Commission as well as its subsidiary bodies and related ad hoc meetings;</p> <p>(m) take such appropriate steps as may be required to ensure coordination between the activities of the Commission and those carried out by the Organization through its Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, with particular reference to all matters having policy, financial or programme implications;</p> <p>6. Copies of all communications concerning the affairs of the Commission shall be sent to the Executive Secretary for purposes of information and record.</p>	<p>to provide a sound basis for fisheries management and aquaculture development;</p> <p>(i) coordinate the Members' programmes of research, when required;</p> <p>(j) participate, as appropriate, in the oversight of activities of projects carried out under the general framework of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies;</p> <p>(k) organize sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and other related ad hoc meetings;</p> <p>(l) prepare, or arrange for the preparation, of background documents and papers and a report on the Commission's activities and the programme of work for the submission to the Commission at its regular sessions, and arrange for the subsequent publication of the report and the proceedings of the Commission as well as its subsidiary bodies and related ad hoc meetings;</p> <p>(m) take such appropriate steps as may be required to ensure coordination between the activities of the Commission and those carried out by the Organization through its Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, with particular reference to all matters having policy, financial or programme implications;</p> <p><u>(n) perform any other function, as required.</u></p> <p>6. Copies of all communications concerning the affairs of the Commission shall be sent to the Executive Secretary for purposes of information and record.]</p>
<p>Participation to sessions of the Commission</p>	<p>Rule VI</p> <p>Plenary meetings of the Commission shall be held in public unless otherwise decided by the Commission. When the Commission decides to hold a private meeting, it shall at the same time determine the scope of such a decision with respect to observers.</p>	<p>Rule VI</p> <p>1. <u>In accordance with Article 15 of the Agreement, plenary sessions of the Commission shall be open to observers</u> unless otherwise decided by the Commission. When the Commission decides to hold a closed session, it shall at the same time, as appropriate, determine <u>procedures for the attendance</u> by the scope of such a decision with respect to observers.</p> <p><u>2. The meetings of the subsidiary bodies established in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement shall be open to observers unless otherwise decided by the Commission or the subsidiary body concerned.</u></p>

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<p>Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson</p>	<p>Rule VII</p> <p>The Commission shall elect, from among delegates or alternates attending the session at which they are elected, the Chairperson and the first and second Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission, who shall assume office immediately following the regular session at which they were elected and who shall be elected for two regular sessions. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons shall be eligible for reelection for a further two regular sessions.</p>	<p>Rule VII</p> <p>1. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons elected in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement shall be appointed The Commission shall elect from among delegates or alternates attending the regular session at which they are elected who. They shall assume office immediately following the regular session at which they were elected for two regular sessions. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons shall be eligible for reelection for a further two regular sessions.</p>
<p>Functions of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons in connection with meetings of the Commission</p>	<p>Rule VIII</p> <p>1. The Chairperson shall exercise the functions conferred on him elsewhere in these Rules and, in particular, shall:</p> <p>(a) declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the Commission;</p> <p>(b) direct the discussions at such meetings and ensure observance of these Rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions;</p> <p>(c) rule on points of order;</p> <p>(d) subject to these Rules, have complete control over the proceedings of the session;</p> <p>(e) appoint such committees of the session, as the Commission may direct.</p> <p>2. In the absence of the Chairperson, or at his request, his functions shall be exercised by the Vice-Chairperson or, in the absence of the latter, by the second Vice-Chairperson.</p> <p>3. The Chairperson, or the Vice-Chairpersons when acting as Chairpersons, shall not vote and another member of their delegations shall represent their governments.</p>	<p>Rule VIII</p> <p>[1. The Chairperson shall exercise the functions conferred on him or her elsewhere in these Rules and, in particular, shall:</p> <p>(a) declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting session of the Commission;</p> <p>(b) direct the discussions at such meetings sessions and ensure observance of these Rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions;</p> <p>(c) rule on points of order;</p> <p>(d) subject to these Rules, have complete control over the proceedings of the session;</p> <p>(e) appoint such committees of the session, as the Commission may direct;</p> <p>(f) call for votes and announce the results of votes; and</p> <p>(h) perform any other function that may be decided by the Commission.</p> <p>2. In the absence of the Chairperson, or at his/her request, his/her functions shall be exercised by the first Vice-Chairperson or, in the absence of the latter, by the second Vice-Chairperson.</p> <p>3. The Chairperson, or the Vice-Chairpersons when acting as Chairpersons, shall not vote and another member of their delegation shall represent the relevant Contracting Party their government.</p>

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	<p>4. The Executive Secretary shall temporarily exercise the functions of the Chairpersons in the event that the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons should be unable to serve.</p> <p>5. The Commission may adopt rules, consistent with the present Rules, clarifying the functions of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, with particular reference to any functions performed during the inter-session period.</p>	<p><u>4. In the interval between sessions of the Commission, the Chairperson shall exercise his/her functions in accordance with these Rules.</u></p> <p>5. The Executive Secretary shall temporarily exercise the functions of the Chairperson in the event that the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons should be are unable to serve.</p> <p>The Commission may adopt rules, consistent with the present Rules, clarifying the functions of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, with particular reference to any functions performed during the inter-session period.]</p>
<p>Voting arrangements and procedures</p>	<p>Rule IX</p> <p>1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 4 of this Rule, voting in plenary meetings shall be by show of hands, except that a vote by roll call shall be taken if a special majority is required by the Agreement or these Rules, or if a request for a vote by roll call is made by any delegation.</p> <p>2. A vote by roll call shall be conducted by calling upon delegations in the French alphabetical order.</p> <p>3. The record of any roll call vote shall show the votes cast by each delegate and any abstention.</p> <p>4. Voting on matters relating to individuals, except the election of the Bureau of the Commission and its committees, shall be by secret ballot.</p> <p>5. When no nominee for an office obtains on the first ballot a majority of the votes cast, there shall be taken a second ballot confined to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If, on the second</p>	<p>Rule IX</p> <p>1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 4 of this Rule, voting in plenary meetings shall be by show of hands, except that a vote by roll call shall be taken if a special majority is required by the Agreement or these Rules, or if a request for a vote by roll call is made by any delegation <u>where a Contracting Party requests that the vote be taken by roll call or secret ballot, and such request is seconded.</u></p> <p>2. A vote by roll call shall be conducted by calling upon delegations in the French alphabetical order <u>the names of the Contracting Parties entitled to vote in the English alphabetical order. The name of the first Contracting Party to be called shall be designated by lot drawn by the Chairperson.</u></p> <p>3. The record of any roll call vote shall show the votes cast by each delegate and any abstention.</p> <p>4. <u>Unless the Commission decides otherwise,</u> voting shall be by secret ballot on matters relating to individuals, including the election of the Bureau of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies committees.</p> <p>5. When no nominee for an office obtains on the first ballot a majority of the votes cast, there shall be taken a second ballot confined to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If, on the second ballot, the votes are equally divided,</p>

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	<p>ballot, the votes are equally divided, the Chairperson shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.</p> <p>6. If the Commission is equally divided when a vote is taken on a question other than an election, a second vote shall be taken at the next meeting of the current session. If the Commission is then equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.</p> <p>7. Voting arrangements and other related matters not specifically provided for by the Agreement, or by these Rules, shall be governed, "mutatis mutandis", by Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization.</p>	<p>the Chairperson shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots as many ballots as necessary shall be held to determine the elected candidate.</p> <p><u>6. Votes cast mean votes "in favour" and "against".</u></p> <p>7. If the Commission is equally divided when a vote is taken on a question other than an election, a second and third vote may be taken at the next meeting of current session. If the Commission remains equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected <u>not be considered further at the current session.</u></p> <p>8. Voting arrangements and other related matters not specifically provided for by the Agreement, or by these Rules, shall be governed <i>mutatis mutandis</i> by Rule XII of the General Rules of the FAO.</p>
<p>Committees, working groups and other subsidiary bodies</p>	<p>Rule X</p> <p>4. The Committees may establish such working groups to deal with particular subject matters as may be decided, subject to the provisions of Article VII, paragraph 3 of the Agreement.</p> <p>5. The Commission may establish such other committees and working groups as it considers desirable, subject to the provisions of Article VII, paragraph 3 of the Agreement.</p> <p>7. The relationship between the Commission and its subsidiary committees and working groups and networks or Coordinators, or national focal points, or other entities as may deal with matters within the purview of the Commission may be clarified, as appropriate, through specific decisions by the Commission or arrangements to be concluded on behalf of the Commission and the relevant interested parties.</p> <p>6. The Committees and working groups shall be governed, mutatis mutandis, by the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, as well as such other supplementary procedures, consistent with the present Rules, as</p>	<p>Rule X: Subsidiary bodies of the Commission</p> <p><u>[1. Each subsidiary body established pursuant to Article 9 of the Agreement may establish sub-committees and working groups and shall ensure their coordination.</u></p> <p>The Committees may establish such to deal with particular subject matters as may be decided, subject to the provisions of Article VII, paragraph 3 of the Agreement.</p> <p>2. The relationship between the Commission and its subsidiary bodies committees and working groups and networks or Coordinators, or national focal points, or other entities as may deal with matters within the purview of the Commission <u>may be clarified, as appropriate, through specific decisions by the Commission</u> or arrangements to be concluded on behalf of the Commission and the relevant interested parties.</p> <p>3. <u>The meetings of each subsidiary body shall take place at such time as may be agreed by the Commission, subject to Article 9 of the Agreement.</u></p> <p>4. The Committees and working groups shall be governed, mutatis mutandis, by the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, as well as such other supplementary procedures, consistent with the present Rules, as the Commission established</p>

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	<p>the Commission established.</p> <p>Scientific Advisory Committee</p> <p>2. There shall be established a Scientific Advisory Committee which shall provide scientific, social and economic information, data, or advice relating to the work of the Commission.</p> <p>(a) The Committee shall be open to all Members of the Commission. Each Member of the Commission may designate a member of the Committee and a member may be accompanied by experts.</p> <p>(i.) assess information provided by Members and relevant fisheries organizations or programmes on catches, fishing effort, fleet capacity, and other data relevant to the conservation and management of fisheries;</p> <p>(b) The Committee may establish working groups to analyze data and to advise the Committee of the state of shared and straddling resources.</p> <p>(c) The Committee shall provide independent advice on the technical and scientific basis for decisions concerning fisheries conservation and management, including biological, environmental, social and economic aspects and, in particular, it shall:</p> <p>(ii.) formulate advice to the Commission on the conservation and management of fisheries;</p> <p>(iii.) identify cooperative research programmes and coordinate their implementation;</p>	<p><u>Each subsidiary body described in Rules XI to XV shall have a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons who shall be elected from among delegates or alternates of the Commission attending the session of the subsidiary body at which they are elected according to, <i>mutatis mutandis</i>, the provisions in Article 7 of the Agreement relating to the election of the Bureau of the Commission. They shall assume office subsequent to the endorsement of their appointment by the Commission at the regular session following the session of the subsidiary body at which they were elected.]</u></p> <p>Rule XI: The Scientific Advisory Committee</p> <p>1. There shall be established a Scientific Advisory Committee which shall provide scientific, social and economic information, data, and advice relating to the work of the Commission <u>and shall, in particular:</u></p> <p>The Committee shall be open to all Members of the Commission. Each Member of the Commission may designate a member of the Committee and a member may be accompanied by experts.</p> <p>(a) assess information provided by Contracting Parties and, as appropriate, relevant <u>fisheries</u> organizations, institutions or programmes on catches, fishing effort, fleet capacity and other relevant data to the conservation and management of fisheries;</p> <p>(b) <u>assess status and trends of the relevant populations of living marine resources;</u></p> <p>(c) The Committee may establish <u>sub-committees and</u> working groups <u>to collect and</u> analyze data and advise the Committee of the status <u>and trends of living marine straddling</u> resources;</p> <p>(d) The Committee shall provide independent advice on the technical and scientific basis <u>to facilitate the adoption of recommendations in accordance with Article 8(b), for decisions concerning fisheries conservation and management,</u> including on biological, environmental, social and economic aspects, and in particular it shall support research; formulate advice to the Commission on the conservation and management of fisheries;</p> <p>(e) <u>submit, where appropriate, advice and reports to the recommendation review panel established pursuant to Rule XX;</u></p> <p>(f) identify cooperative <u>scientific, technical and</u> research <u>projects and</u></p>

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	<p>(iv.) undertake such other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred on it by the Commission.</p> <p>(d) Members have an obligation to provide information on catches and other data relevant to the functions of the Committee in such a way as to enable the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities under this paragraph.</p> <p>Committee on Aquaculture</p> <p>There shall be established a Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ) which shall monitor trends and promote the sustainable development and responsible management of marine and brackish water aquaculture in the region. The Committee:</p> <p>(b) shall be open to all Members of the Commission. Each Member of the Commission may designate a Member of the Committee, and a member may be accompanied by experts;</p> <p>(d) the Committee shall in particular:</p> <p>i. assess information provided by Members and relevant aquaculture related stakeholders or programmes on production statistics, market data, culture systems, technologies used, farmed species, and maintain related databases, including relevant socio-economic, environmental, biotic and abiotic indicators;</p> <p>ii. promote the formulation of common standards and guidelines for the Commission, on sustainable development of aquaculture;</p> <p>(c) may establish working groups to analyse scientific and technical data and information and to advise the Committee on issues related to sustainable development of aquaculture (such as markets, environmental interactions, health, social, and other relevant issues) and the integration of marine aquaculture into coastal zone management, and ensure their coordination through a Coordinating Meeting of the Working Groups (CMWG);</p>	<p>programmes <u>undertaken in the Agreement Area</u> and coordinate their implementation; <u>and</u></p> <p>(g) undertake such other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred on it by the Commission.</p> <p>(h) Members have an obligation to provide information on catches and other data relevant to the functions of the Committee in such a way as to enable the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities under this paragraph.</p> <p>Rule XII: The Advisory Committee on Aquaculture</p> <p>1. There shall be established an <u>Advisory</u> Committee on Aquaculture which shall monitor trends and promote the sustainable development and responsible management of marine and brackish aquaculture <u>in the region</u> and shall, in particular:</p> <p>shall be open to all Members of the Commission. Each Member of the Commission may designate a Member of the Committee, and a member may be accompanied by experts;</p> <p>(a) assess information provided by Contracting Parties and, <u>as appropriate</u>, relevant aquaculture stakeholders or programmes on production statistics, market data, culture systems, technologies used, farmed species and maintain related databases, including relevant socio-economic, environmental, biotic and abiotic indicators;</p> <p>promote the formulation of common standards and guidelines for the Commission, on sustainable development of aquaculture;</p> <p>(b) strengthen capacity building with a view to identify opportunities to sustainably develop aquaculture at regional and sub-regional level;</p> <p>(c) establish working groups to analyse scientific and technical data and information and to advise the Committee on issues related to sustainable development of aquaculture (such as markets, environmental interactions, health, social, and other relevant issues) and the integration of marine aquaculture into coastal zone management, and ensure their coordination through a Coordinating Meeting of the Working Groups (CMWG); <u>partnerships and other cooperative mechanisms, such as multi-stakeholder platforms, with relevant organizations, entrepreneurs, farmer associations, institutions, research institutes and the civil</u></p>

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	<p>(a) shall provide independent advice on the technical, socio-economic, legal and environmental bases for common standards, norms and guidelines and management measures for consideration by the Commission;</p> <p>iii. identify cooperative research and training programmes and coordinate their implementation:</p> <p>iv. carry out other duties, functions or responsibilities related to aquaculture promotion that may be conferred to it by the Commission.</p> <p>(e) Members have an obligation to provide information on production and other data relevant to the functions of the Committee in such a way as to enable the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities under this paragraph.</p> <p>Compliance Committee</p> <p>3. There shall be established a Compliance Committee that will meet during the annual Commission Session and will be entrusted with the following functions:</p> <p>(a) review compliance with conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary to ensure their effectiveness;</p> <p>(b) review the implementation of measures on monitoring, control, surveillance, and enforcement adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary to ensure their effectiveness;</p> <p>(d) monitor, review and analyze information pertaining to the activities of Non-Contracting Parties and their vessels which undermine the objectives of the Agreement including, in particular, illegal, unreported</p>	<p><u>society to foster their involvement in its work;</u></p> <p>(d) provide independent advice on the technical, socio-economic, legal and environmental <u>and scientific basis to facilitate the adoption of recommendations in accordance with Article 8(b), including on biological, environmental, social and economic aspects, and support research; for common standards, norms and guidelines and management measures for consideration by the Commission;</u></p> <p>(e) <u>submit, where appropriate, advice and reports to the recommendation review panel established pursuant to Rule XX;</u></p> <p>(a) identify cooperative <u>scientific, technical and</u> research projects and programmes <u>undertaken in the Agreement Area</u> and coordinate their implementation; <u>and</u></p> <p>(b) carry out other duties, undertake other functions or responsibilities related to aquaculture promotion as may be conferred on it by the Commission. Members have an obligation to provide information on production and other data relevant to the functions of the Committee in such a way as to enable the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities under this paragraph.</p> <p>Rule XIII: The Compliance Committee</p> <p>1. There shall be established a Compliance Committee that will meet during the annual Commission Session and will be entrusted with the following functions which shall review the status of implementation of GFCM recommendations and which shall, in particular:</p> <p>(a) review assess compliance with GFCM conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary to ensure their effectiveness <u>recommendations by Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties and non-members on the basis of all available information,</u> review the implementation of measures on monitoring, control, surveillance, and enforcement adopted by the Commission and make such recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary to ensure their effectiveness;</p> <p>(b) <u>requests clarifications and express concern to Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties and</u> monitor, review and analyze information pertaining to the activities of non-members and their vessels which</p>

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	<p>and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and recommend actions to be taken by the Commission to discourage such activities;</p> <p>(c) define, develop and make recommendations to the Commission concerning the phased development and implementation of the GFCM Control and Inspection scheme;</p> <p>(e) perform such other tasks as directed by the Commission.</p> <p>Committee on Administration and Finance</p> <p>The General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM),</p> <p>ESTABLISHES, in accordance with Article VII (1) of the Agreement creating the GFCM, a Committee of Administration and Finance (CAF). The functions of the Committee on Administration and Finance shall be:</p> <p>(b) review compliance with the rules of procedures and financial rules;</p> <p>(c) review the implementation of the budget adopted at the previous session of the Commission and analyse and make recommendations on the draft budget to be adopted at the current session of the Commission; and</p>	<p>undermine the objectives of the Agreement including, in particular, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and recommend actions to be taken by the Commission to discourage such activities</p> <p><u>in cases they should not be complying, prima facie, with GFCM recommendations;</u></p> <p>(c) <u>submit to the attention of the Commission cases of non-compliance by Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties and non-members with GFCM recommendations to facilitate their identification;</u></p> <p>(d) <u>provide such other information, as it considers appropriate or as may be requested by the Commission, relating to the implementation and compliance with GFCM recommendations as well as with the provisions of the Agreement;</u></p> <p>(e) <u>provide independent advice on the institutional and legal basis and submit reports</u> define, develop and make recommendations to the Commission concerning the phased development and implementation of the GFCM Control and Inspection scheme <u>to facilitate the adoption of recommendations in accordance with Article 8(b), including in connection with monitoring, control and surveillance related aspects, and support technical assistance and capacity building on these aspects;</u></p> <p>(f) <u>submit, where appropriate, advice and reports to the recommendation review panel established pursuant to Rule XX; and</u></p> <p>(g) <u>undertake other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred on it by</u> perform such other tasks as directed by the Commission.</p> <p>Rule XIV: The Committee on Administration and Finance</p> <p>1. There shall be established a Committee on Administration and Finance <u>which shall review administrative matters relating to the functioning of the Commission and</u> which shall, in particular:</p> <p>(a) review compliance with <u>oversee the correct application of the Rules and the Financial Regulations;</u></p> <p>(b) review the implementation <u>of the annual programme of work</u> and budget of the Commission as adopted at its previous session;</p> <p>(c) analyze and make recommendations to the Commission on the draft <u>programme of work</u> and budget as proposed for adoption at the to be adopted at the current session of the Commission;</p>

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	<p>(a) review administrative matters relating to the Executive Secretary and his staff and make appropriate recommendations to the Commission;</p> <p>(d) perform such other administration and financial matters as may be referred to it by the Commission.</p> <p>The Committee of Administration and Finance shall meet before the annual Commission session.</p>	<p>review administrative matters relating to the Executive Secretary and his staff and make appropriate recommendations to the Commission;</p> <p><u>(d) submit to the Commission proposals concerning the need, as appropriate, for the amendment of the Rules and the Financial Regulations; and</u></p> <p><u>(e) undertake other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred on it</u> perform such other administration and financial matters as may be referred to it <u>by the Commission.</u> The Committee of Administration and Finance shall meet before the annual Commission session.</p>
<p>Sub-regional Working Groups/ [sub-regional commissions]</p>		<p>Rule XV</p> <p><u>[1. There shall be established sub-regional working groups for the Western, Central, Adriatic and Ionian, Eastern and Black Sea sub-regions for the purposes of performing functions to meet the objective and principles of the Agreement and supporting the Commission, taking into account the specificities of each sub-region.</u></p> <p><u>2. The sub-regional working groups will operate [in the same areas covered by the FAO Regional Projects/in relevant Geographical Sub-Areas/as determined in accordance to the criteria that will be adopted by the Commission through a decision].</u> <u>shall in particular:</u></p> <p><u>(a) examine, on the basis of the advice provided by the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Aquaculture, fisheries and aquaculture related issues of relevance at sub-regional level;</u></p> <p><u>(b) consider, consistent with the status and trends of living marine resources and aquaculture at sub-regional level, appropriate measures in order to facilitate the adoption of recommendations in accordance with Article 8(b), including in light of biological, environmental, social and economic aspects;</u></p> <p><u>(c) submit, where appropriate, draft recommendations to the recommendation review panel established pursuant to Rule XX;</u></p> <p><u>(d) work in coordination with scientific, technical and research projects and programmes covering the corresponding sub-regions, such as the FAO Regional Projects, in the direct interest of relevant Contracting Parties;</u></p> <p><u>(e) develop work-plans complementary to those of FAO Regional Projects</u></p>

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		<p><u>covering the corresponding sub-regions with a view to underpin technical assistance and capacity building provided by the Commission; and</u></p> <p>(f) <u>undertake such other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred by the Commission.</u></p> <p>3. <u>The Chairperson of each sub-regional working group shall be responsible for:</u></p> <p>(a) <u>coordinating and overseeing all of its operations and activities;</u> (b) <u>liaising with other sub-regional working groups;</u> (c) <u>as appropriate, serving on the recommendation review panel established pursuant to Rule XX; and</u> (d) <u>performing such other duties as may be agreed by the Commission.]</u></p> <p><i>Alternative formulation:</i> <u>[1. There shall be established sub-regional Commissions for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea for the purposes of performing functions to meet the objective and principles of the Agreement and supporting the Commission, taking into account the specificities of each sub-region.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Each sub-regional commission shall in particular:</u></p> <p>(a) <u>examine, on the basis of the advice provided by the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Aquaculture, fisheries and aquaculture related issues of relevance at sub-regional level;</u> (b) <u>consider, consistent with the status and trends of living marine resources and aquaculture at sub-regional level, appropriate measures in order to facilitate the adoption of recommendations in accordance with Article 8(b), including in light of biological, environmental, social and economic aspects;</u> (c) <u>submit, where appropriate, draft recommendations to the recommendation review panel established pursuant to Rule XX;</u> (d) <u>work in coordination with scientific, technical and research projects and programmes covering the corresponding sub-regions, such as the FAO Regional Projects, in the direct interest of relevant Contracting Parties;</u> (e) <u>develop work-plans complementary to those of FAO Regional Projects covering the corresponding sub-regions with a view to underpin technical assistance and capacity building provided by the Commission; and</u> (f) <u>undertake such other functions or responsibilities as may be conferred by the</u></p>

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		<p><u>Commission.</u></p> <p><u>3. The Chairperson of each sub-regional commission shall be responsible for:</u></p> <p><u>(a) coordinating and overseeing all of its operations and activities;</u></p> <p><u>(b) liaising with the other sub-regional commission;</u></p> <p><u>(c) as appropriate, serving on the recommendation review panel established pursuant to Rule XX; and</u></p> <p><u>(d) performing such other duties as may be agreed by the Commission.]</u></p>
<p>Budget and finance</p>	<p>Rule XI</p> <p>1. Any estimates of expenditures to be covered by the general budget of the Organization shall be submitted by the Executive Secretary to the Commission for approval. Once approved, as part of the general budget of the Organization, without prejudice to the relevant rules of the Organization and the decisions of its Governing Bodies, they will constitute the limits within which funds may be committed for purposes approved by the Conference of FAO.</p> <p>2. The Commission shall determine the extent to which travelling expenditures incurred by the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission and of any subsidiary bodies, in connection with their functions, may be covered by the autonomous budget of the Commission.</p> <p>3. Subject to Article IX of the Agreement, any budgetary or financial matters relative to the autonomous budget of the Commission shall be dealt with in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Commission.</p>	<p>Rule XVI</p> <p>1. Any estimates of expenditures to be covered by the general budget of the Organization shall be submitted by the Executive Secretary to the Commission for approval. Once approved, as part of the general budget of the Organization, without prejudice to the relevant rules of the Organization and the decisions of its Governing Bodies, they will constitute the limits within which funds may be committed for purposes approved by the Conference.</p> <p>2. The Commission shall determine the extent to which travelling expenditures incurred by the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission and of any subsidiary bodies, in connection with their functions, may be covered by the autonomous budget of the Commission.</p> <p>3. Subject to Article IX <u>11</u> of the Agreement, any budgetary or financial matters relative to the autonomous budget of the Commission shall be dealt with in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Commission.</p>
<p>Observers</p>	<p>Rule XII</p>	<p>Rule XVII</p> <p><u>[1. The Director-General or a representative designated by him/her, shall have the right to participate without vote in all sessions of the Commission and any of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.</u></p>

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	<p>1. Any Member or Associate Member of FAO that is not a Member of the Commission may, upon its request, be invited as an observer at sessions of the Commission, its Committees and its subsidiary bodies.</p> <p>2. States which, while not Members of the Commission nor Members or Associate Members of FAO, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon request and subject to the concurrence of the Commission through its Chairperson, and to the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of FAO, be invited to attend sessions of the Commission, its Committees and its subsidiary bodies as observers.</p> <p>3. The Commission may invite international organizations to participate as observers, upon request, having special competence in the field of activity of the Commission, including its Committees and its subsidiary bodies, to attend such of its meetings as the Commission may specify.</p> <p>4. Unless the Commission expressly determines otherwise, observers may attend the plenary meetings of the Commission and participate in the discussions at any committee and subsidiary body sessions which they may be invited to attend upon request. In no case will they be entitled to vote.</p>	<p>Any Member or Associate Member of FAO that is not a Member of the Commission may, upon its request, be invited as an observer at sessions of the Commission, its Committees and its subsidiary bodies.</p> <p>States which, while not Members of the Commission nor Members or Associate Members of FAO, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon request and subject to the concurrence of the Commission through its Chairperson, and to the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of FAO, be invited to attend sessions of the Commission, its Committees and its subsidiary bodies as observers.</p> <p>2. The Commission may invite Non-governmental organizations having special competence in the field of activity of the Commission to participate as observers, upon request that wish to attend any session of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies shall notify the Executive Secretary in advance, at such time as may be specified by the Executive Secretary or the Commission, of its wish to be invited.</p> <p>3. Unless the Commission determines otherwise, observers may attend the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. Observer Nations may submit memoranda and participate without vote in the discussions. Observer intergovernmental organizations or observer non-governmental organizations may be invited by the Commission to submit memoranda and deliver oral statements.</p> <p>4. The Commission may invite consultants or experts, in their individual capacity, to attend the sessions or participate in the work of the Commission, including the subsidiary bodies and other meetings of the Commission.]</p>
Criteria for attaining the status of cooperating non-contracting party		<p>Rule XVIII</p> <p>[1. Any such non-member that seeks to be accorded the status of a cooperating non-Contracting Party shall apply to the Executive Secretary no later than ninety (90) days in advance of the regular session of the Commission where the application will be considered.</p>

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		<p><u>2. Non-members requesting the status of a cooperating non-Contracting Party shall provide the following information in order to have this status considered by the Commission:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>(a) where available, data on its historical fishing activities in the Agreement Area;</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>(b) all the data that Contracting Parties have to submit based on GFCM recommendations; and</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>(c) information on any research programmes they may have conducted in the Agreement Area and the information and the results of their research.</u></p> <p><u>3. An applicant for cooperating non- Contracting Party status shall also confirm its commitment to comply with GFCM recommendations and inform the Commission of the actions it takes to ensure compliance with them.</u></p> <p><u>4. Cooperating non- Contracting Party status shall be annually reviewed and renewed unless revoked by the Commission due to non-compliance with GFCM recommendations. In reviewing the cooperating non- Contracting Party status the Commission shall also indicate whether it considers advisable full membership instead of Cooperating non-Contracting Party status.]</u></p>
<p>Reports, Recommendations, Resolutions and decisions</p>	<p>Rule XIII</p> <p>1. At each session, the Commission shall approve a report embodying its views, recommendations, resolutions and decisions, including, when requested, a statement of minority views. The report shall be made available on the Web site of the Commission.</p>	<p>Rule XIX</p> <p>1. At regular sessions, the Commission shall approve a report embodying its views, recommendations, resolutions and decisions, including, when requested, a statement of minority views. The report shall be made available on the website of the Commission.</p> <p><u>2. Resolutions and decisions by the Commission shall not be binding on Contracting Parties nor be adopted in accordance with Article 13 of the Agreement. They will be of programmatic character, to provide a framework for further action by the Commission in connection with substantial matters, or of administrative nature, to regulate the functioning and operations of the Commission.</u></p>

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	<p>3. Resolutions and recommendations having policy, programme or financial implications for the Organization shall be brought by the Director-General to the attention of the Conference through the Council of the Organization for action.</p> <p>2. Subject to the provisions of Article V of the GFCM Agreement, the conclusions, resolutions and recommendations of the Commission shall be transmitted to the Director-General at the end of the session. The Executive Secretary shall, on behalf of the Chairperson, circulate them to Members of the Commission, nations and international organizations which were represented at the session. Similarly, these documents may be made available to other Members and Associate Members of the Organization for their information, as appropriate.</p> <p>4. Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Chairperson may request Members of the Commission to supply information on action taken on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission.</p> <p>5. The Commission may adopt recommendations for action by Members on any matters pertaining to the functions covered by Article III of the Agreement. Recommendations adopted under Article V of the Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of that Article.</p> <p>6. The Executive Secretary shall receive on behalf of the Commission the replies of the Members in respect of such recommendations and shall prepare a summary and an analysis of such communications for presentation at the next session.</p>	<p>3. Resolutions and recommendations decisions having programme or financial implications for the Organization shall be brought by the Director-General to the attention of the Conference through the Council for action.</p> <p>4. Subject to the provisions of Article V 13 of the Agreement, the conclusions recommendations, resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission shall be transmitted to the Director-General at the end of the session. The Executive Secretary shall, on behalf of the Chairperson, circulate them to Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties, relevant non-members, observer Nations, observer intergovernmental and observers non-governmental organizations, including those which were represented at the session, and such others as the Commission may direct from time to time. Similarly, these documents may be made available to other Members and Associate Members of the Organization for their information, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Chairperson may request Members of the Commission to supply information on action taken on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission.</p> <p>The Commission may adopt recommendations for action by Members on any matters pertaining to the functions covered by Article III of the Agreement. Recommendations adopted under Article V of the Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of that Article.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary shall receive on behalf of the Commission the replies of the Members in respect of such recommendations and shall prepare a summary and an analysis of such communications for presentation at the next session.</p>
<p>Recommendation Review Panel</p>		<p>Rule XX</p> <p><u>[1. A Recommendation Review Panel shall be established pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement.</u></p> <p><u>2. The Recommendation Review Panel shall consist of the following persons:</u></p>

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		<p><u>(a) the Chairperson of the Commission;</u> <u>(b) the Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Committee;</u> <u>(c) the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Aquaculture;</u> <u>(d) the Chairpersons of each sub-regional Working Group/[sub-regional Commission];</u> <u>(e) five Contracting Parties to the Commission, comprising one Contracting Party from each sub-regional Working Group/[two Contracting Parties to the Commission, comprising one Contracting Party from each sub-regional Commission]; and</u> <u>(f) the Executive Secretary.</u></p> <p><u>3. The Contracting Parties to the Commission referred to in paragraph 2(e) shall:</u> <u>(a) be elected by the Commission;</u> <u>(b) serve for two (2) years;</u> <u>(c) be eligible for a second consecutive term; and</u> <u>(d) not serve for more than four (4) consecutive years in the same capacity.</u></p> <p><u>4. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be the Chairperson of the Recommendation Review Panel.</u></p> <p><u>5. Each sub-regional Working Group/[sub-regional Commission] that develops proposals of recommendations that may be considered by the Commission for adoption pursuant to Article 8(b) of the Agreement shall transmit each such recommendation to the Recommendation Review Panel review at least (sixty) days prior to the regular session at which they are to be considered.</u></p> <p><u>6. The Recommendation Review Panel shall review each recommendation at least (thirty) days prior to the regular session at which it is to be considered, and shall transmit each recommendation, together with any conclusions and recommendations it may make, to the Commission for its consideration.</u></p> <p><u>7. The Recommendation Review Panel shall take its decisions by consensus wherever possible, but otherwise may take decisions by simple majority vote.</u></p> <p><u>8. The Recommendation Review Panel may conduct its business using electronic or other means of rapid or real-time communication to the extent necessary.]</u></p>

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<p>Data collection, processing and exchange</p>		<p>Rule XXI</p> <p><u>[1. To enhance the information base for the conservation and management of living marine resources, as well as non-target and associated or dependent species and the protection of the marine ecosystems in which these resources occur, the Commission shall develop standards, rules and procedures for, inter alia:</u></p> <p><u>(a) the collection and timely reporting to the Commission of all relevant data by Contracting Parties;</u></p> <p><u>(b) the processing by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission of accurate and complete data to facilitate effective stock assessment and ensure that the provision of the best scientific advice is enabled;</u></p> <p><u>(c) the security of access to and dissemination of data while maintaining confidentiality;</u></p> <p><u>(d) the exchange of data among Contracting Parties to the Commission, and with other regional fisheries management organizations and other relevant organizations, on data concerning vessels engaged in IUU fishing, and, as appropriate, concerning the beneficial ownership of such vessels, with a view to consolidating such information; and</u></p> <p><u>(e) regular audits of compliance by Contracting Parties with data collection and exchange requirements and for addressing any non-compliance identified in such audits.]</u></p>
<p>Procedures for the <i>ad hoc</i> Expert Panel for the Settlement of Disputes</p>		<p>Rule XXII</p> <p><u>[1. These procedures shall apply to an ad hoc Expert Panel for the Settlement of Disputes that has been established pursuant to Article 19(2) of the Agreement.</u></p> <p><u>2. A Contracting Party shall notify another Contracting Party of its intention to submit a dispute it has with that Contracting Party to an ad hoc expert panel, hereafter “the Panel”, and the notification shall be accompanied by a full description of the subject matter as well as grounds relied upon. It shall send a copy to the Executive Secretary.</u></p>

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		<p data-bbox="1160 229 2085 347"><u>3. The other Contracting Party shall within 15 days decide on whether to accept or disagree to submit the dispute to the Panel. In the event that the other Contracting Party accepts, the decision shall be communicated to the Contracting Party that notified its intention and to the Executive Secretary.</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 384 2085 443"><u>4. The Executive Secretary shall promptly transmit a copy of the notification with the documents attached to it to all Contracting Parties.</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 496 2040 523"><u>5. Unless the parties to the dispute agree otherwise, the following shall apply:</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 544 1682 571"><u>(a) the Panel shall consist of three members:</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 592 2085 683"><u>(b) each party to the dispute shall appoint one panelist and inform the Executive Secretary of that appointment at the latest 15 days after the communication of the acceptance of the establishment of the Panel by the other party;</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 703 2085 890"><u>(c) the parties to the dispute shall appoint the third panelist by mutual agreement, and inform the Executive Secretary of the appointment at the latest 15 days after the appointment of the two other panelists. If they are unable to agree on the appointment of the third panelist, they may agree at the latest at the end of this 15 days period that the appointment shall be made by the Chairperson of the Commission or any other person.</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 911 2085 1002"><u>(d) the third panelist shall not be a national of any Contracting Party involved in the dispute or of the same nationality as either of the other panellists and shall chair the Panel; and</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 1023 2085 1114"><u>(e) the panelists shall be experts with competence in legal, scientific or technical aspects concerning the Agreement, and with relevant qualifications and experience.</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 1134 2085 1209"><u>6. As soon as the panelists are nominated, the Executive Secretary shall record the constitution of the Panel and inform all Contracting Parties accordingly.</u></p> <p data-bbox="1160 1230 2085 1386"><u>7. Any other Contracting Party, having the same interests as one of the parties to the dispute, may become a party to the dispute by a notification to the parties involved and to the Executive Secretary within 15 days after receiving the notification pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Rule, and provided that the other parties already involved and having the same interests agree.</u></p>

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		<p><u>8. In the event that two or more Contracting Parties jointly make a notification pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Rule or one or more Contracting Parties become parties to the dispute pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Rule, the parties shall each designate one delegate for the official contacts during the work of the Panel.</u></p> <p><u>9. The Panel may adopt such rules of procedures as it considers necessary for effective and expeditious proceedings, including decisions on dates and venues of hearings and on the methods of work it will follow, and shall inform the Executive Secretary accordingly.</u></p> <p><u>10. Any Contracting Party may, upon notification to the Panel, attend any hearings, and make written or oral submissions.</u></p> <p><u>11. The Panel shall seek to agree on its recommendation to resolve the dispute by consensus. If this is not possible, the Panel shall agree by a majority vote of its members, none of whom may abstain from voting.</u></p> <p><u>12. Unless the parties to the dispute agree on a later date, the panel shall deliver its recommendations within ninety days from the date of its constitution.</u></p> <p><u>13. The recommendations shall be confined to the subject matter of the dispute and set out the reasons on which they are based. The Executive Secretary shall promptly communicate them to all Contracting Parties.</u></p> <p><u>14. The costs of the Panel shall be borne by the parties to the dispute in equal parts.]</u></p>
<p>Amendments to the Agreement</p>	<p>Rule XIV</p> <p>1. Proposals for the amendment of the Agreement as provided by Article XII of the Agreement may be made by any Member in a communication addressed to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall transmit to all Members and to the Director-General a copy of such proposals for amendment immediately upon their receipt.</p>	<p>Rule XXIII</p> <p>1. Proposals for the amendment of the Agreement pursuant to Article XII<u>22</u> of the Agreement may be made acting on the proposal <u>by the Commission at a regular or extraordinary session or</u> by any Contracting Party in a communication addressed to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall transmit to all Contracting Parties and to the Director-General a copy of such proposals for amendment immediately upon their receipt.</p>

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	<p>2. No action on a proposal for the amendment of the Agreement shall be taken by the Commission at any session, unless it has been included in the provisional agenda of the session.</p>	<p>2. No action on a proposal for the amendment of the Agreement shall be taken by the Commission at any session, unless it has been included in the provisional agenda of the session.</p>
<p>Suspension and amendment of the Rules</p>	<p>Rule XV</p> <p>1. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, any of the foregoing Rules, other than Rules IV, V, XI, XII, XIV paragraph 2, and XVI, may be suspended on the motion of any delegation by a majority of the votes cast at any plenary meeting of the Commission, provided that announcement is made at a plenary meeting of the Commission and copies of the proposal for suspension have been distributed to the delegations not less than forty-eight hours before the meeting at which action is to be taken.</p> <p>2. Amendments of, or additions to, these Rules may be adopted on the motion of any delegation by a two-thirds majority of the Members of the Commission, at any plenary meeting of the Commission, provided an announcement is made at a plenary meeting and copies of the proposal for the amendment or addition have been distributed to delegations not less than twenty-four hours before the meeting at which action is to be taken.</p> <p>3. Any amendments to Rule XVI which may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Rule shall not become effective until the next session of the Commission.</p>	<p>Rule XXIV</p> <p>1. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, any of the foregoing Rules, other than Rules IV, V, XI, XII, XIV paragraph 2, and XVI <u>[XVI, XVII, XXIII paragraph 2, and XXV]</u>, may be suspended on the motion of any delegation by a majority of the votes cast at any plenary meeting of the Commission, provided that announcement is made at a plenary meeting of the Commission and copies of the proposal for suspension have been distributed to the delegations not less than forty-eight hours before the meeting at which action is to be taken.</p> <p>2. Amendments of, or additions to, these Rules may be adopted on the motion of any delegation by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties, at regular sessions of the Commission, provided an announcement is made at the regular session and copies of the proposal for the amendment or addition have been distributed to delegations not less than twenty-four hours before the session at which action is to be taken.</p> <p>3. Any amendments to Rule XVI-XXV which may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Rule shall not become effective until the next session of the Commission.</p>
<p>Languages of the Commission</p>	<p>Rule XVI</p> <p>1. The official languages of the Commission shall be such languages of the Organization as the Commission itself may decide. The delegations may use any one of these languages at sessions and for their reports and communications.</p>	<p>Rule XXV</p> <p>1. The official languages of the Commission shall be such languages of the Organization as the Commission itself may decide <u>Arabic, English, French and Spanish. All these languages shall be used at the regular sessions of the Commission whereas the</u> delegations may use any one or more of these languages at the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission and for their reports and communications.</p>

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	<p>2. During the meetings, interpretation in one or more of the official languages will be provided by the Secretariat when requested by one of the delegates present.</p> <p>3. Publications of reports and communications shall be in the language in which they are submitted and, when required by the Commission, abstracts in translation may be published.</p>	<p>During the meetings, interpretation in one or more of the official languages will be provided by the Secretariat when requested by one of the delegates present.</p> <p>Publications of reports and communications shall be in the language in which they are submitted and, when required by the Commission, abstracts in translation may be published.</p>
<p>APPENDIX</p> <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</p>	<p>1. The procedure, including the different stages in the selection and appointment of the Secretary and the corresponding elements relating to the vacancy announcement, be as follows:</p> <p>Vacancy announcement</p> <p>The Members agree to a text for the vacancy announcement, including the required qualifications and the job description for the post of Executive Secretary (see below). The Director-General of FAO sees that the vacancy announcement is duly posted on the FAO and GFCM Websites and is publicized elsewhere, as appropriate, in accordance with the additional guidelines of the Commission.</p> <p>Closing date for applications</p> <p>Applications are accepted by FAO (Fisheries and Aquaculture Department) during a period of six weeks from the date of announcement of the vacancy notice.</p> <p>Screening of applications</p> <p>The applications received are examined by a Selection Committee comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Chair and two Vice-chairs of the GFCM; - the Chair of the GFCM Committee on Administration and Finance; 	<p><u>N.B. The language is the same as in the GFCM Agreement short of the fact that it was elaborated in a more legal and formal wording.</u></p> <p>PART I - QUALIFICATIONS AND BENEFITS</p> <p>1. The following qualifications shall be required for the post of Executive Secretary, unless otherwise decided by the Commission:</p> <p>(a) The candidate should hold a university degree, preferably at post-graduate level, in fisheries biology, fisheries science, fisheries economics, administration, law or related fields. He/she should have at least ten years of experience in fisheries management and policy formulation, and preferably in bilateral and international relations, including knowledge of regional fisheries management organizations. He/she should have proven ability to exercise a high degree of professional initiative. The incumbent should be able to prepare budgets and documents and organize international meetings. He/she should have working knowledge (level C) of two of the following official languages of the Commission: Arabic, English, French or Spanish. Knowledge, even limited, of one of the other cited languages will be considered an additional asset.</p> <p>(b) Other essential qualifications include competence in the selection of staff; demonstrated ability to conduct professional oversight in appropriate fields, and familiarity with word processing, spreadsheets and database management systems.</p> <p>(c) Desirable requirements include a high degree of adaptability and the ability to cooperate effectively with people of different nationalities, cultures, social origins and educational levels.</p>

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	<p>– the Chair of the GFCM Compliance Committee; – two representatives of the Director-General of FAO; – a representative from EU Member States; – a representative from non EU Member States</p> <p>2. The Selection Committee meets at FAO Headquarters within four weeks of closure of the vacancy announcement. With the assistance of the FAO Secretariat, the Committee is charged with eliminating those candidates that do not explicitly meet the required qualifications for the vacancy and with identifying a maximum of 20 eligible candidates.</p> <p>3. The list of eligible candidates is communicated to the Members of the GFCM for evaluation and ranking. For information, the Members also receive a list of the other applicants.</p> <p>Ranking of candidates</p> <p>4. Five candidates are ranked by order of preference by the Members, on a point score of five to one, applying the criteria set out in the section of this document headed “Required qualifications” (the best candidate receiving 5 points).</p> <p>5. The Members then send the Selection Committee their list of preferences within four weeks of receipt of the applications. The Selection Committee calculates these preferences and sends the Members a short list of the 5 candidates scoring the most points.</p> <p>Short list and interview process</p> <p>6. The five candidates with the most points are invited by the GFCM Chair to the following session of the Commission for interview by the Heads of Delegation of Commission Members. These interviews are presided by the GFCM Chair and covered by simultaneous interpretation in the languages of the Organization.</p> <p>Interview process</p> <p>7. The Chair, in agreement with the Heads of Delegation, draws up a list of 5 questions to be asked to the 5 candidates during their separate</p>	<p>(d) The age of the candidates should allow him/her to perform a full term of five years prior to attaining the age set by the Organization for required retirement.</p> <p>(e) The post of Executive Secretary will be graded at the D-1 level based on the United Nations salary scale for professional and higher categories. He/she is appointed under the terms of the Organization Staff Regulations and the Organization Staff Rules, is a member of the Organization staff and as such entitled to benefits including a variable element for post adjustment, pension contributions and health insurance.</p> <p>PART II – PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</p> <p>2. The procedure, for the selection of the Executive Secretary, shall be as follows:</p> <p>(a) The Commission shall agree to a text for the vacancy announcement, including the required qualifications and the job description for the post of Executive Secretary.</p> <p>(b) The Director-General shall post the vacancy announcement on the Organization and GFCM websites and is publicized elsewhere, as appropriate, in accordance with such guidelines as the Commission may agree.</p> <p>(c) The closing date for applications shall be six weeks from the date of announcement of the vacancy notice.</p> <p>(d) A Selection Committee shall be established to review the applications and rank candidates. It shall comprise:</p> <p>(i) the Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission; (ii) the Chairperson of the Committee on Administration and Finance; (iii) the Chairperson of the Compliance Committee; (iv) two representatives of the Director-General; (v) one representative from EU Member States; and (vi) one representative from non EU Member States; and (vii) such other member(s) as the Commission may decide.</p> <p>(e) The Selection Committee shall meet within four weeks of the date of closure of</p>

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	<p>interviews, each lasting a maximum of 50 minutes.</p> <p>Voting</p> <p>8. After the interviews, ballots are held as follows until one candidate attains the required majority:</p> <p>(a) A first ballot for all five candidates. The two candidates receiving the least votes are eliminated from the selection process.</p> <p>(b) A second ballot for the remaining three candidates. The candidate receiving the least votes is eliminated.</p> <p>(c) A third ballot between the remaining two candidates. The candidate receiving the most votes is selected.</p> <p>9. If, during the course of a ballot, two candidates receive the same number of votes, a separate round of voting is held to eliminate one of those candidates.</p> <p>10. Notwithstanding the above paragraphs, if one of the candidates obtains the required majority, he is selected without the need for further ballots. The required majority is more than half of the votes cast.</p> <p>11. In accordance with Rule IX.7 of the GFCM Rules of Procedure, matters not specifically provided for in this procedure are governed, mutatis mutandis, by the provisions of Article XII of the General Rules of the Organization.</p> <p>Appointment of the new Secretary</p> <p>12. The name of the candidate selected by the Commission in accordance with the above procedure is proposed by the GFCM Chair to the FAO Director-General so that he can appoint the new Secretary.</p> <p>QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE POST</p> <p>13. The following qualifications, which duly reflect the conditions applicable under the United Nations Common System, are proposed for review by the Commission:</p>	<p>the receipt of applications, and shall, with the assistance of the Organization Secretariat identify a maximum of 20 candidates that meet or exceed the required qualifications for the post.</p> <p>(f) The Executive Secretary shall communicate to the Contracting Parties a list of all applicants and shall identify those which have been selected as candidates in accordance with these procedures.</p> <p>(g) Within four weeks of receipt of the communication from the Executive Secretary under paragraph (f), each Contracting Party shall rank five candidates by order of preference, taking into account the required qualifications set out in Part I of this Appendix, on a scale of one (lowest) to five (highest), and shall notify the Secretariat of such designation.</p> <p>(h) The Selection Committee shall compile the rankings and notify the Contracting Parties the names and relevant information on the five candidates that scored the highest number of points.</p> <p>(i) The Chairperson shall invite the five candidates designated pursuant to paragraph</p> <p>(h) to be interviewed at such regular or extraordinary session of the Commission that the Commission has determined.</p> <p>(j) The Chairperson shall preside over the interviews, which shall be conducted at the session by the Contracting Parties' representatives designated in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement. Interpretation in the languages of the Organization shall be made available.</p> <p>(k) The Chairperson, with the approval of the Contracting Parties' representatives, shall prepare five questions to be used as a basis for the interview.</p> <p>(l) The interview of each candidate shall have a maximum duration of 50 minutes.</p> <p>3. The voting for the Executive Secretary shall take place at the same session at which the interviews were conducted, and shall proceed as follows:</p>

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	<p>(a) The incumbent should hold a university degree, preferably at post-graduate level, in fisheries biology, fisheries science, fisheries economics, administration, law or related fields. He should have at least ten years of experience in fisheries management and policy formulation, and preferably in bilateral and international relations, including knowledge of regional fisheries organizations such as the GFCM and ICCAT. He should have proven ability to exercise a high degree of professional initiative. The incumbent should be able to prepare budgets and documents and in the organization of international meetings. He should have working knowledge (level C) of two of the following official languages of the Commission: Arabic, English, French or Spanish.</p> <p>Knowledge, even limited, of one of the other cited languages will be considered an additional asset.</p> <p>(b) Other essential qualifications include competence in the selection of staff; demonstrated ability to conduct professional oversight in appropriate fields, and familiarity with word processing, spreadsheets and database management systems.</p> <p>(c) Desirable requirements include a high degree of adaptability and the ability to cooperate effectively with people of different nationalities, cultures, social origins and educational levels.</p> <p>(d) Candidates should have the age that allows to perform a full term mandates of five years.</p> <p>14. The post of Secretary is at D-1 grade based on the United Nations salary scale for high-ranking administrators and professionals. The Secretary is also entitled to a variable element for post-adjustment, pension contributions, health insurance, etc. He is a member of FAO staff and is appointed under the terms of FAO Staff Regulations and Rules.</p> <p>ENTRY ON DUTY</p> <p>15. In view of the time needed to complete the administrative formalities, both within FAO and, as appropriate, within the</p>	<p>(a) Balloting shall take place as follows until one candidate attains the required majority of more than half the votes cast:</p> <p>(i) A first ballot shall be held for all five candidates. The two candidates receiving the least votes shall be eliminated from the selection process.</p> <p>(ii) A second ballot shall be held for the remaining three candidates. The candidate receiving the least votes shall be eliminated.</p> <p>(iii) A third ballot shall be held between the remaining two candidates. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be selected.</p> <p>(b) If, during the course of a ballot, two candidates receive the same number of votes, a separate round of voting shall be held to eliminate one candidate.</p> <p>(c) In accordance with Rule IX(8) of these Rules, matters not specifically provided for in this procedure are governed, <i>mutatis mutandis</i>, by the provisions of Article XII of the General Rules of the Organization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PART III – APPOINTMENT</p> <p>4. The Chairperson shall transmit the name of the candidate selected by the Commission in accordance with the above procedures to the Director-General for appointment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PART IV – TERM OF OFFICE</p> <p>5. Entry on duty by the appointee should, to the extent possible, be achieved as soon as possible after his/her selection and in any case within a maximum period of four months.</p> <p>6. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed for a period of five years and may be reselected for a further consecutive term of five years. At the third regular session following regular session of the Commission during which the Executive Secretary was selected, or at the fourth regular session following the selection of the Executive Secretary, in the case in which selection took place at an extraordinary session of the Commission, selection of the next Executive Secretary should be placed on the Commission's agenda. The Commission shall decide the necessary arrangements for the next selection of Executive Secretary, in accordance with the</p>

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	<p>incumbent's administration at the time of appointment, it is suggested that entry on duty be envisaged as early as possible after selection by the Commission, and in any case within a maximum period of four months.</p> <p>16. The interviews and voting for selection of the Secretary will take place at a regular or extraordinary Session of the GFCM to be convened at a date to be determined by the Commission.</p> <p>TERM OF OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</p> <p>17. The incumbent shall be appointed for a period of five years. An incumbent selected for a period of five years may be reselected for a further term of five years. At the third regular session following regular session of the Commission during which the Executive Secretary was selected, or at the fourth regular session following the selection of the Executive Secretary, in the case in which selection took place at an extraordinary session of the Commission, selection of the next Executive Secretary should be placed on the GFCM agenda. The Commission decides the necessary arrangements for the next selection of Executive Secretary, in accordance with the procedure in place.</p>	<p>procedure in place.</p>