

Annex IV FISHING ENTITIES

1 After the entry into force of this Convention, any fishing entity whose vessels have fished or intend to fish for fishery resources may, by a written instrument delivered to the Depositary, express its firm commitment to abide by the terms of this Convention and comply with any conservation and management measures adopted pursuant to it. Such commitment shall become effective 30 days from the date of receipt of the instrument. Any such fishing entity may withdraw such commitment by written notification addressed to the Depositary. The withdrawal shall become effective 1 year after the date of its receipt, unless the notification specifies a later date.

2 Any fishing entity referred to in paragraph 1 above may by a written instrument delivered to the Depositary, express its firm commitment to abide by the terms of the Convention as it may be amended pursuant to Article 35(3). This commitment shall be effective from the dates referred to in Article 35(3) or on the date of receipt of the written communication referred to in this paragraph, whichever is later.

3 A fishing entity which has expressed its firm commitment to abide by the terms of this Convention and comply with conservation and management measures adopted pursuant to it in accordance with paragraph 1 must abide by the obligations of members of the Commission, and may participate in the work, including decision making, of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this Convention. For the purposes of this Convention, references to the Commission or members of the Commission include such fishing entity.

4 If a dispute involves a fishing entity which has expressed its commitment to be bound by the terms of this Convention in accordance with this Annex and cannot be settled by amicable means, the dispute shall, at the request of any party to the dispute, be submitted to final and binding arbitration in accordance with the relevant rules of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

5 The provisions of this Annex relating to the participation of a fishing entity are only for the purposes of this Convention.