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REPORT OF THE SMALL WORKING GROUP

A small working group met to consider ways of streamlining Part 2 reports to ensure the reports are more user-friendly for CCMs, and provide information that better enables an assessment of CCMs' implementation of and compliance with CMMs.

The small working group noted there could be opportunities for the Secretariat to extend its current work on developing its information management to include information from Part 2 reports. The working group noted the potential opportunities provided by web-based electronic provision of Part 2 information.

The working group noted there were opportunities for streamlining information reporting in some areas, noting that the reporting requirements can be particularly burdensome for small administrations including SIDS. For example, some information fields can probably just be reported once (and updated only as necessary), rather than the same information being reported every year. In addition, some CMMs are not relevant to all CCMs. Although noting that some flexibility was therefore required, some members noted that overall, consistency between reports was also of importance. The working group also discussed situations in which other types of information might be useful to assess compliance but may not be provided for under the current fields of the Part 2 report, as well as situations in which more description of how measures are implemented could be required.

Another item the small working group discussed was the link between part 2 reports and the discussions held on compliance monitoring. In particular, reporting could cover how CCMs have implemented CMMs, but also areas in which they are undertaking further work or are encountering difficulties in implementation. Updates on progress could then be incorporated into subsequent reports, potentially including relevant guidance from the Commission or its subsidiary bodies.

Based on these discussions, the small working group provided the following general criteria for the Secretariat to consider when streamlining Part 2 reporting, better incorporating it into its information management system, and making the information available to CCMs:

- Cost effectiveness for CCMs and the Commission
- A clear role for the Secretariat
- Basing the reporting on fisheries management needs and priorities
- A reporting format that is flexible and relevant to individual CCMs, while retaining consistency
- Efficiency – avoiding duplication and repetition

- Transparency (noting relevant data confidentiality rules)
- Allows for effective monitoring of compliance with measures