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SUMMARY REPORT



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AGENDA ITEM 1 - OPENING OF MEETING

1. The meeting was attended by 20 Members. Observers included the FFA Secretariat. A full list of participants is provided in Attachment A.
2. The Chair welcomed the WCPFC Members to the First Special Session of the Commission. He explained that because of the provisions of Article 9(7) of the WCPF Convention, which provides that "Contracting Parties ... shall appoint (the Commission's) Executive Director", it was necessary to convene a separate meeting of the Contracting Parties only to elect the Executive Director since some participating Members of the Commission are not Contracting Parties as such. He informed the Commission that he will report on the decision of the Contracting Parties when the voting on the five short listed candidates was completed in accordance with the procedure agreed at WCPFC6."
3. Credentials of all representatives present were received before the voting began. They all were found to be in order.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. The provisional agenda was adopted (Attachment B).

AGENDA ITEM 3 - PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS

5. The Chair and Legal Advisor reviewed the procedures for the conduct of the Special Session of the Commission and the meeting of the Contracting Parties, in particular, the procedure for the election of the Executive Director.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - ADJOURNMENT OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

6. The Commission meeting was adjourned and the meeting of the Contracting Parties was convened. It proceeded with the election of the Executive Director.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - RECONVERNE THE COMMISSION MEETING

7. The Chairman reconvened the Commission once the meeting of the Contracting Parties was concluded. In addition to the report on the election of the Executive Director, the Chairman also consulted the Commission on the change in the venue for WCPFC7.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - CHAIR'S REPORT ON THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

8. The Chair reported on the election of the new Executive Director for the WCPFC Secretariat, Professor Glenn Hurry, and welcomed the newly appointed Executive Director. He noted that negotiations will commence with the newly appointed Executive Director for his contract. The Chairman thanked all the candidates for applying for the post and for making themselves available for interviews by the Contracting Parties in Brisbane.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - ADOPTION OF THE WCPFC7 MEETING VENUE

9. The Federated States of Micronesia sought the authority of the Commission to negotiate with another Member to host the Seventh Regular Session of the Commission in December of 2010 due to infrastructural limitations in FSM for these purposes. FSM and the USA proposed the venue be switched from FSM to the USA.

10. The Commission agreed to the change the venue to a place in Honolulu, USA for the dates of 6-10 December 2010. The USA agreed to host the Seventh Regular Session of the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - OTHER MATTERS

11. No other matters were raised.

AGENDA ITEM 9 - CLOSE OF MEETING

12. The Chair closed the first Special Session of the Commission 14:20 on Friday, 2 July 2010.

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AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
 - a) welcome address
 - b) credentials
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Procedure and conduct of the Meetings**
- 4. Adjournment of the Commission Meeting¹**
- 5. Reconvene the Commission Meeting**
- 6. The Chair's report on a new ED**
- 7. Adoption of WCPFC7 meeting venue**
- 8. Other matters**
- 9. Close of Meeting**

¹ The Commission's First Special Session is suspended for the election process of a new ED and will be reconvened.