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**Actions taken by LIBERIA in response to paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of G 12 Tf1 0 0 1 317.35 5**



## Abbreviation

CPC	Cooperating non-contracting Party
RFMOs	Regional Fisheries Management Organizations
RFMO/As	Regional Fisheries Management Organization and Arrangements
VMEs	Vulnerable marine ecosystems

## Introduction

1. Within the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks [United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement [UNFSA]), a number of actions have been taken by **Liberia** amongst other things, to address the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs) and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks.

2. The General Assembly considered the impacts of bottom fishing on VMEs and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks and called on States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements RFMO/As to take a number of actions in that regard. Paragraph 210 of the General Assembly resolution which recalled its decision in resolution 71/123 of 7 December 2016 to conduct in 2020 a further review of the actions taken by States and RFMO/As in response to paragraphs 113 117 and 119 to 124 of General Assembly resolution 64/72, paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of General Assembly resolution 66/68 and paragraphs 156, 171, 175, 177 to 188 and 219 of General Assembly resolution 71/123 with a view to ensuring effective implementation of the measures therein and to make further recommendations, where necessary, and decided to precede that review with a two-day workshop.

3. Following adoption  
its request the Secretary General to prepare a report similar in scope, length and detail to his report to the General Assembly at its seventy first session, in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO/UN) and with the assistance of an expert consultation to be hired by the Division [for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea] to provide information and analysis on relevant technical and scientific issues to be covered in the report, for consideration by the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, on actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organization and arrangements in response to paragraphs 113 117 and 119 to 124 of General Assembly resolution 64/72, paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of General Assembly resolution 66/68 and paragraphs 156, 171, 175, 177 to 188 and 219 of General Assembly resolution 71/123 and invites States and regional fisheries management organization and

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129, 130 and 132 to 134 of General Assembly resolution 66/68 and paragraphs 156, 171, 175, 177 to 188 and 219 of General Assembly resolution 71/123 to facilitate a further review of such

5. In response to paragraph 213 of resolution 74/18, Liberia hereby submits information to the Secretary General in a timely manner on actions taken pursuant to paragraphs 113 117 and 119 to 124 of General Assembly resolution 64/72, paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of General Assembly resolution 66/68 and paragraphs 156, 171, 175, 177 to 188 and 219 of General Assembly resolution 71/123, to further facilitate a further review of such actions.

### **Actions taken by Liberia to Regulate Bottom Fishing and the Conservation Management Measures taken to Protect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems**

Furtherance of identified paragraphs and General Assembly resolutions mentioned above and in conformity with the implementation of paragraphs 80 and 83-87 of General Assembly resolution 61/105, Liberia upholds the principles of precautionary approach and ecosystem approaches, to sustainably manage fish stocks and protect VMEs.

Liberia as a flag state has no fishing vessels conducting direct bottom fishing nor has fishing vessel which promotes the harvest of bottom fisheries in areas beyond national jurisdiction even in areas where there are no regional fisheries management organizations or arrangements.

Liberia is a contracting party to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and a cooperating non-

measures through effective monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS); mechanism including observer coverage, electronic monitoring and satellite-