



International Consultations on the Establishment of the  
**South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation**

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Dear Colleagues

In my letter of 28 September attaching Revision 6 of the draft text of the Convention I said I would be in touch again with some suggestions for our programme of work in Auckland.

I am now arranging for the attached Provisional Agenda to be posted on the website. As you will see from the Provisional Agenda, and as you are already aware, we have three strands of work to complete in Auckland – the text of the Convention, the interim measures for pelagic fishing and the arrangements that need to be made for the period between the adoption of the Convention and its entry into force regarding the ongoing work of the Interim Secretariat, the work of the Science Working Group and the Data and Information Working Group and the preparatory work necessary to enable the Commission to undertake its functions promptly and effectively after the entry into force.

In organising our work in Auckland we need to ensure that all three strands can be completed within the time available. To achieve this I believe we will need to be flexible in relation to our methods of work, the time we allocate to each strand of work according to progress and our hours of work.

With regard to the Convention text I would remind delegations that much of the draft text was provisionally settled at our last meeting in Lima. This does not preclude any delegation from seeking to revisit those parts of the text and I certainly would not wish to discourage suggestions for improvements that are likely to be widely supported. But I would hope that we could focus our attention early on any remaining areas of the text where delegations have serious concerns.

As to the interim measures for pelagic fishing I will circulate an informal discussion paper as a starting point for our discussions. Similarly in respect of arrangements for work in the period before the Convention enters into force I will provide some ideas for discussion as part of a draft Final Act.

Our past experience has shown that we make progress most rapidly in working group mode and I would recommend that we adopt that mode as quickly as possible in Auckland. There may be some issues that are of particular concern to some delegations or involve only some members of some delegations and in such cases progress may be able to be made through consultations conducted in parallel to the work of a working group. If so I would encourage flexibility bearing in mind that

everything must be adopted in the plenary and bearing in mind also that some delegations may wish to have the opportunity to refer the final draft convention text to their capitals overnight before adoption.

I look forward to working with you all in Auckland.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Mansfield". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chair  
International Consultations on the Establishment of the proposed South Pacific  
Regional Fisheries Management Organisation



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**Eighth International Meeting on the Establishment of a South Pacific  
Regional Fisheries Management Organisation**

***Auckland, New Zealand, 8-14 November 2009***

**Provisional Agenda**

- 1 Opening of the Meeting.
- 2 Adoption of the Agenda and meeting arrangements.
- 3 Reports

Report from the Executive Secretary of the Interim Secretariat. (SP-08-WP2)  
Report from the Executive Secretary on data received. (SP-08-WP-3)  
Report from the Science Working Group.

- 4 Draft Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas  
Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean - Revision 6 (SP-08-WP-1).

- 5 Interim measures for pelagic fishing.

- 6 Adoption of the text of the Convention on the Conservation and  
Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean.

- 7 Arrangements regarding the opening for signature of the text of the  
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery  
Resources in the South Pacific Ocean.

- 8 Arrangements for a Preparatory Conference for the establishment of  
the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management  
Organisation.

- 9 Arrangements for the ongoing work of the Interim Secretariat, the  
Science Working Group and the Data and Information Working Group.

10 Adoption of the Final Act of the Consultations on the Establishment of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation.

11 Closing of the Meeting.