

*Further committed to conducting responsible fishing activities and to cooperating effectively to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (“IUU fishing”) activities and the adverse impacts that they have on the state of the world’s fisheries resources and the ecosystems in which they occur;*

*HAVE AGREED as follows:*

*Article 1*

*Use of Terms*

For the purposes of this Convention:

- (a) “1982 Convention” means the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea* of 10 December 1982;
- (b) “1995 Agreement” means 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* of 4 December 1995;
- (c) “Bottom fishing” means fishing activities where the fishing gear is likely to contact the seafloor during the normal course of fishing operations;
- (d) “Consensus” means the absence of any formal objection made at the time the decision is taken;
- (e) “Contracting Party” means any State or regional economic integration organization that has consented to be bound by this Convention and for which the Convention is in force;
- (f) “Convention Area” means the area to which this Convention applies, as prescribed in Article 4, paragraph 1;
- (g) “FAO International Guidelines” means the *International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-Sea Fisheries in the High Seas* adopted by FAO on 29 August 2008, as may be modified from time to time;