

ARTICLE XXVIII**Fishing Entities**

1. Any fishing entity whose vessels have fished for fish stocks covered by this Convention at any time during the four years preceding the adoption of this Convention may express its firm commitment to abide by the terms of this Convention and comply with any conservation and management measures adopted pursuant thereto, by:

- (a) signing, during the period referred to in Article XXVII, paragraph 1 of this Convention, an instrument drafted to this effect in accordance with a resolution to be adopted by the Commission under the 1949 Convention; and/or
- (b) during or after the above-mentioned period, providing a written communication to the Depositary in accordance with a resolution to be adopted by the Commission under the 1949 Convention. The Depositary shall promptly provide a copy of this communication to all signatories and Parties.

2. The commitment expressed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article shall be effective from the date referred to in Article XXXI, paragraph 1, of this Convention, or on the date of the written communication referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, whichever is later.

3. Any fishing entity referred to above may express its firm commitment to abide by the terms of this Convention as it may be amended pursuant to Article XXXIV or Article XXXV of this Convention by providing a written communication to this effect to the Depositary in accordance with the resolution referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. The commitment expressed pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article shall be effective from the dates referred to in Article XXXIV, paragraph 3, and Article XXXV, paragraph 4, of this Convention, or on the date of the written communication referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, whichever is later.