

3. In the event that a Contracting Party considers that a fishing vessel making use of its ports has violated a provision of this Convention or a conservation and management measure adopted by the Commission, it shall notify the flag State concerned, the Commission and other relevant States and appropriate international organizations. The Contracting Party shall provide the flag State and, as appropriate, the Commission with full documentation on the matter, including any record of inspection.

4. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to affect the exercise by Contracting Parties of their sovereignty over ports in their territory in accordance with international law, including their right to deny entry to ports in their territory as well as to adopt more stringent port State measures than those adopted by the Commission pursuant to this Convention.

Article 15

Duties of Fishing Entities

Article 13 and Article 14, paragraphs 2 and 3 apply *mutatis mutandis* to any fishing entity that has expressed its firm commitment in accordance with the Annex.

Article 16

Data Collection, Compilation and Exchange

1. The Commission shall, taking full account of Annex I of the 1995 Agreement as well as relevant provisions of Articles 10 and 11, develop standards, rules and procedures for, *inter alia*:
 - (a) the collection, verification and timely reporting to the Commission of all relevant data by members of the Commission;
 - (b) the compilation and management by the Commission of accurate and complete data to facilitate effective stock assessment for ensuring that the provision of the best scientific advice is enabled;
 - (c) the exchange of data among members of the Commission, and with other regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, and other relevant organizations including data concerning vessels engaged in IUU fishing and, as appropriate, concerning the beneficial ownership of those vessels, with a view to consolidating that information into a centralized format for dissemination as appropriate;
 - (d) the facilitation of coordinated documentation and data-sharing between regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements, including procedures to exchange data on vessel registers, and market-related measures where applicable; and