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##### **Team of Specialist on Sustainable Fisheries**

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### **Vision and Mission Statements of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries**

1. The draft vision and mission statements for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Team of Specialists (ToS) on Sustainable Fisheries have been developed in line with the Terms of Reference and complement the Programme of Work of the ToS. The document has been reviewed and approved during the first session of the ToS, on 29-30 January 2018 and will be submitted for information at the twenty-fourth Plenary of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT).

#### **I. Vision statement**

2. The work of the ToS will be instrumental to achieve:

an effective and efficient exchange of information related to fishery activities and the subsequent supply chain, between all stakeholders,

to help reduce Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing,

to support sustainable and ecosystem-based management of marine and aquatic resources on a global scale,

in line with Sustainable Development Goal 14 of the United Nations Agenda 2030, on the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

#### **II. Mission statement**

3. The ToS will contribute to integrated maritime governance by promoting, facilitating and supporting the development and implementation of fishery data standards<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Such Fishery data standards, which cover fishery activities and traceability throughout the supply chain, are distinct but complementary and synergistic with fishery statistics standards and fishery information standards set by other relevant bodies with global mandates such as the Coordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (CWP) and the Fisheries and Resources Monitoring System (FIRMS).

throughout the supply chain that contribute to the sustainable and ecosystem-based management of marine and aquatic resources on a global scale, notably through the UN/CEFACT standard Fisheries Language for Universal eXchange (FLUX).

4. In a collaborative environment, together with other relevant standard setting bodies, the members of ToS will work to promote standards for exchange of information related to fishery activities, share experiences on development and implementation issues, and facilitate and support the implementation of these standards worldwide.

5. The ToS will give advice and conduct support activities regarding policy and technical implementation of fishery data standards. In particular, the ToS will prepare implementation guides and handbooks.

6. The ToS will contribute to sustainable fisheries and efforts to combat IUU fishing by promoting the timely acquisition of high quality fisheries data and sharing this data in an effective and efficient manner.

7. The ToS will provide a platform to fisheries management organizations worldwide to discuss, share and support the implementation of globally compatible fishery data standards as tools to improve sustainable fisheries management, combat IUU fishing, support livelihoods, and protect our oceans.

8. The ToS will function as a platform for:

- Policy consultation and dialogue
- Technical consultations for standards development and implementation
- Technical advisory services
- Exchange of best practices

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