



Strategic Roundtable Discussion on IUU Fishing and the Cape Town Agreement (CTA)

8 June 2018/10:30 am-12:30 pm
Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations
313 E 43rd Street, New York, NY

I. Background

Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing threatens the sustainability of the world's fisheries. But it is far more than just an environmental hazard. Illegal fishing is now widely associated with crimes such as piracy, human trafficking, and arms and narcotics smuggling. The entry into force of an international binding treaty such as the Cape Town Agreement (CTA) will give States a powerful tool to ensure that fishing vessels flying their flags are held accountable for the safety of their crews and that landings are conducted safely and legally. The involvement of lawmakers/parliamentarians is crucial towards a country's ratification of international agreements. Parliamentarians have legislative power and can question their governments on existing obstacles towards ratification. As the democratically-elected representatives of the people, parliamentarians have the voice, visibility and legislative power to bring about change.

II. Objective

This meeting serves the overall purpose of receiving input from the PGA Executive Committee Members on an effective strategy to fight IUU Fishing and draft a strategic plan for next steps to be taken by PGA. In particular, the roundtable discussion aims to:

- Brief participants on the state of IUU fishing, its links to labor exploitation, human trafficking and piracy;
- Explain the role and importance of the CTA in tackling IUU, and progress made toward its ratification in different countries and regions; and
- Seek the inputs from participants on their capacity to raise awareness of IUU fishing and obtain support for the ratification of the CTA among Parliamentarians in their respective countries.

III. AGENDA

10:30 am **Introductions and welcoming remarks**

Chair: Ms. Margareta Cederfelt (MP Sweden), President of PGA

Hon. M. Kulasegaran, MP (Malaysia), Minister of Human Resources, PGA Board Member
(*by Skype*)

10:40 am **Introduction to Illegal Fishing**

Ms. Julie Janovsky, Acting Director, Ending Illegal Fishing Project, The Pew Charitable Trust
(*View Short film on IUU Fishing*)

10:55 am **What is the Cape Town Agreement and how can it help solve the problem?**

Ms. Courtney Farthing, Senior Associate, The Pew Charitable Trust

- 11:10 am** **Fighting Illegal Fishing and its relationship to Forced Labor**
- Ms. Heidi Schuttenberg, Coastal Resources and Biodiversity Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- 11:20 am** **The role of parliamentarians in fighting IUU Fishing and implementing SDG 14**
- Ms. Petra Bayr, PGA Treasurer (MP Austria)
- 11:30 am** *Question and Answer session/ Discussion with PGA Board Member Parliamentarians*
- 12:25 pm** **Conclusions**

IV. PARTICIPANTS

PGA Board Members

Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, MP, Sweden, President
Dip. Victor Orlando Bisonó, Dominican Republic, Chair, International Council
Ms. Petra Bayr, MP Austria, Treasurer
Dip. Carla Pitiot, Argentina
Dip. Tucapel Jimenez, Chile
Dep. Dieudonné Upira Sunguma, DR Congo
Dip. Karina Sosa, El Salvador
Dr. Suzi Barbosa, MP, Guinea-Bissau
Shri Tariq Anwar, MP, India
Hon. Kula Segaran, MP, Malaysia, Minister of Human Resources
Dep. Antonio Niquice, Mozambique

Experts

Julie Janovsky, Senior Manager/Acting Director, The Pew Charitable Trusts
Courtney Farthing, Senior, Associate, The Pew Charitable Trusts
Ms. Joan Yang, Senior Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts
Ms. Heidi Schuttenberg, Coastal Resources and Biodiversity Advisor, USAID

PGA Secretariat

Dr. David Donat Cattin, Secretary-General
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Ms. Holly Sarkissian, Senior Development Officer
Mr. Alex Roche, Programme Officer
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Ms. Melissa Verpile, Legal Officer
Ms. Saarah Monawvil, Consultant, PGA Oceans Campaign
