

**AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) AND
THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FISHERIES COOPERATION
AMONG AFRICAN STATES BORDERING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN (ATLAFCO)**

1 The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO") and the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean (hereinafter referred to as "ATLAFCO") will consult each other on matters of common interest to both with a view to ensuring maximum coordination of the work and activities of their respective organizations in respect of such matters.

2 Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information, the Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO will exchange information and keep each other informed of projected activities and programmes of work in fields of common interest. Accordingly, when either entity proposes to initiate a programme or activity on a subject in which the other has or may have a substantial interest, consultation will be initiated between the two with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account their respective responsibilities and any decisions or wishes of the appropriate governing bodies of the respective entities.

3 The Secretary-General of IMO will invite the Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO to send representatives to observe meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of IMO to consider matters in which ATLAFCO has an interest, in accordance with procedures applicable to each meeting or conference. Conversely, the Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO will invite the Secretary-General of IMO to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by or under the auspices of ATLAFCO to consider matters in which IMO has an interest, in accordance with the procedures applicable to each meeting or conference.

4 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO may consult on matters of personnel, material, services, equipment and facilities for joint undertakings which may be agreed between them in fields of common interest to IMO and ATLAFCO.

5 IMO will, at the request of ATLAFCO, render assistance to ATLAFCO with respect to matters within the scope of activities of ATLAFCO; and ATLAFCO will, at the request of IMO, render assistance to IMO in matters falling within the scope of IMO's activities. Where assistance, which is required by either party under the terms of this Agreement, involves substantial expenditure, consultations will take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner for meeting such expenditure.

6 It is further agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall bind any of the Member States of ATLAFCO jointly or severally. Similarly, the Agreement shall not bind any of the Member States of IMO jointly or severally.

7 This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO.

8 The Secretary-General of IMO and the Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party.

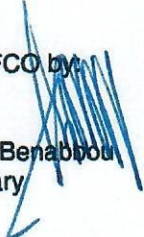
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9 This Agreement shall come into force on its approval by the Assembly of IMO and the ATLAFCO, whichever is the later.

Agreed for ATLAFCO by:

Mr. Abdelouahed Benabbou
Executive Secretary



Agreed for IMO by:

Mr. Kitack Lim
Secretary-General



Date: 03-03-2022

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