

RESOLUTION XIII – PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THEME : 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CONCERN : COMBATING ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

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| Alarmed | by the economic, social and environmental consequences of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, which deprives many coastal States of an essential share of their resources and revenues, |
| Recalling | that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea recognizes the sovereign right of States to exploit, manage and conserve living resources within their exclusive economic zone, |
| Regretting | the absence of international compensation mechanisms that would allow States that are victims of IUU fishing to restore their port infrastructure, marine resources and livelihoods in a sustainable manner, |
| Outraged | by the inaction of several States in the face of IUU fishing activities carried out by their own nationals, thereby undermining respect for maritime law, |
| Emphasizing | that no State can claim to uphold sustainable development while turning a blind eye to IUU fishing committed by its own nationals, |
| Convinced | that the fight against illegal fishing cannot be sustainably won unless States assume responsibility and commit to repairing the damage caused to affected countries, |
| Decides | <p>to establish an international compensation mechanism under the auspices of the United Nations to assess the losses caused by IUU fishing, which shall be responsible for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- establishing an international public interest work program allowing fishers convicted of IUU fishing to work in the maritime sector of affected States as an alternative to a prison sentence;- recalling that such work is intended to repay the debt owed to the affected countries, with salaries fully funded by the State of origin of the convicted individuals;- requiring that these programs include training in sustainable fishing practices, in order to promote legal fishing and prevent recidivism. |

The french text is binding.