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Dear Teresa

Subject: Seeking Financial Technical Assistance to Facilitate PNG's Inter Agency National Workshop on Port State Measures.

In March 2017, FAO funded and facilitated a national training workshop on PSMA, namely to:

- (i) Increase awareness of the international and regional framework for the implementation of port State measures;
- (ii) undertake an initial review of existing policies and legislations, institutional arrangements, and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance(MCS) systems and operations;
- (iii) define a course of action for the introduction of provisions and procedures consistent with the PSMA and related international instruments and regional mechanisms to combat IUU fishing;
- (iv) identify capacity building needs for implementation of port State measures

The outcome of that workshop identified a number of key areas through a PSMA Gaps and Constraints Matrix. In 2020, FFA in country staff assisted NFA in review of the matrix which saw Inter Agency collaboration, corporation and information sharing is still outstanding in terms of coordinating and managing of Entry into ports, Use of ports, inspection and boarding of fishing vessels.

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PNG has made its intention known to FAO PSMA Secretariat on the first day of the PSMA Third Meeting of the Parties that PNG is in the process of acceding to the Agreement thus addressing the outstanding gap will boost and enhance effective implementation of PSMA.

The scheduled national workshop with inter agencies is to be held from 28th-30th June 2021 to develop a collaborative approach on fishing vessel Port call management and use.

We therefore seek FAO's financial support and technical assistance in the areas identified in the draft workshop program attached. Assistance from FAO will drive home the message to our inter agency partners in appreciating the importance and the value of collaboration, corporation and data sharing arrangements at the national level.

Attached is the tentative program to assist with your planning and preparations.

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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