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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in FAO Follow-up National Workshop on Port State Measures Agreement from the 28th - 30th June 2021, at the Loloata Island Resort

Background

FAO Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) came into force in June 2016, there has been an increase in the number of States that have become Parties. The Agreement introduces a minimum of standard for port State Measures and inspection and that a State in exercise of its sovereignty may impose more stringent conditions for the use of its ports and offshore terminals. The Agreement places strong emphases on the use of port State measures as a fisheries management tool. This was because measures were seen as a cost effective and efficient means to curb combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. It was recognized that using such measures could contribute towards promoting long-term sustainability in fisheries.

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 key areas which remained outstanding and one of which is the Inter Agency collaboration, corporation and information sharing is weak in terms of coordinating and managing of Entry into ports, use of ports, inspection and boarding of fishing vessels and related fishing activities such as the tanker vessels and the fish carrier vessels.

It is my pleasure to extend invite to your organization to nominate two participants to this workshop, preferably one from a legal unit and another from the operations to progress the outstanding work in the areas of collaboration, corporation and information sharing on port entry, use of ports

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and departure requirements. The workshop is funded by FAO through the office of the National Fisheries Authority.

The objectives of the workshop requires participants to do a presentation on the following; (i) to provide feedback on the identified gaps and constraints in 2017 workshop; (ii) share your functional roles and responsibilities in relation to fishing vessels and related fishing vessels making entry into port, use of ports; and (iii) recommend way forward on how best PSM requirement can be better managed considering the overlapping jurisdictions.

The names of participants should be communicated to **Ms. Donna Asi and or Ms. Martina Ragagalo on email address: dasi@fisheries.gov.pg and mragagalo993@gmail.com and or mobile numbers 75506852 or 75575855** no later than 18 June 2021 to assist with logistics arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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