

**Costa Rica
Proposals on Bottom Trawling**

Amendments to the Fisheries draft resolution

Amend paragraphs OP. 57, 58, 59 and 60 to read as follows:

OP57. *Recognizes* that high seas bottom trawling is harmful to deep-sea marine biodiversity and to vulnerable marine ecosystems including seamounts [hydrothermal vents] and cold-water corals located beyond national jurisdiction, and *Calls upon all states to* implement and observe within six months of the date of adoption of this resolution a moratorium on high seas bottom trawling in all the world's oceans and seas. The moratorium will be lifted when a legal framework ensuring the long term conservation of deep sea marine living resources and biodiversity in the high seas has been developed and implemented based on the assessment described in paragraph OP 57. bis;

OP 57 bis. *Calls Upon* States and relevant international organizations and other bodies, to urgently collaborate to improve understanding and knowledge of the deep sea in areas beyond national jurisdiction through an assessment of the extent of deep sea biodiversity and ecosystems, including populations of discrete high seas fish stocks as well as straddling and highly migratory fish stocks, and their vulnerability to deep sea fishing on the high seas, by 2005;

OP58 *Calls upon* regional fisheries management organizations with a mandate to regulate bottom fisheries to urgently **adopt measures giving effect to paragraph 57 above and ensure compliance with them;**

OP59 *Calls upon* members of regional fisheries management organizations without the competence to regulate bottom fisheries to expand the mandate, where appropriate, of their regional fisheries management organizations to cover such activities **and to adopt measures giving effect to paragraph 57 above and to ensure compliance with them;**

OP59 bis *Calls upon* all concerned states to urgently cooperate in areas where there is no regional fisheries management organization with competence to manage deep seas fish stocks in order to give effect to and ensure compliance with paragraph 57 above.

OP60 *Agrees* to review within two years progress on action taken in response to the requests made in paragraphs 55, 56, 57, **57 bis, 58, 59, and 59 bis** above with a view to further recommendations, where necessary;