



SUB-REGIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION (SRFC)

Decisions of the Eleventh Extraordinary Session of the Conference of the Ministers of the SRFC

26 - 27 October 2007
Hotel Novotel, Dakar, Republic of Senegal

1. The Conference of Ministers adopts all the recommendations of the report of the 19th Extraordinary Session of the Coordination Committee, with amendments in respect to the following points:

- Point 3, Paragraph 1, to be reformulated to read: "The Coordinating Committee recommends the confirmation of M. Ball as acting Head of SOCU. In this respect, it has expressed its hope that the current President of the Conference of Ministers, in consultation with the Permanent Secretary, will – before the end of this year – undertake all necessary steps to resolve the issues related to the suspension of Mr. Jones."

Point 3, paragraphs 1 and 4. The Conference of Ministers places a reserve on its decision until such time that a policy and procedures for the recruitment, promotion and dismissal of personnel has been introduced, in order to remain in compliance with Point 2.

2. In addition, the Conference of Ministers decides:

- There should be consultation among Member states to promote a process that could eventually lead to the establishment of mechanisms for joint negotiations of fisheries agreements with the EU on all matters of common interest, while taking into account the specificities of each Member State.
- The management of projects of the SRFC should remain centralized at the headquarters of the organization. Decentralization should be achieved through the involvement of project focal points in the Member States.

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- The Permanent Secretariat should develop an action plan to implement the recommendations of the institutional and financial audit. Particularly in respect to the management of personnel, the Permanent Secretariat is asked to establish objective criteria, independent of considerations reflecting national concerns. For this to be achieved, the Permanent Secretariat will rely on the services of specialized and independent experts.
- The Permanent Secretariat shall organize on a quarterly basis consultative meetings with the partners in development.

Done in Dakar, the 27 October 2007

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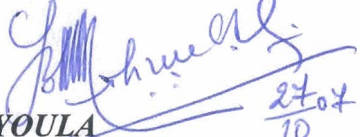
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