JOINT STATEMENT

Cooperation to Combat IUU Fishing, Fisheries Crime and Fisheries Related Crimes, and to Promote Sustainable Fisheries Governance

We, the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia and the Minister of Fisheries of the Kingdom of Norway,

Recognizing the importance of combating IUU fishing, fisheries crime and fisheries related crimes, and promoting sustainable fisheries governance and the high level of engagement and cooperation on fisheries matters at the operational level.

Acknowledging the responsibility of the coastal states, in their administrative and judicial processes, to exercise their sovereign rights in line with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the principle of due legal process.

Underlining the importance of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing (PSM Agreement), the FAO International Plan of Action (IPOA) to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU Fishing, the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF), and the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance, and the efforts by other international organizations to adopt binding measures designed to combat IUU fishing and promote sustainable fisheries governance; Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, adopted in 1995.

Also underlining the importance of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and United Nations Convention against Corruption and the role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the efforts made by INTERPOL and other international organizations to combat fisheries crime in a multidisciplinary way, including the effort made by International Labour Organization (ILO) to combat forced labour in the fishing industry.

Therefore, we intend to continue cooperation in:

1. Supporting cooperative and coordinated activities on operational and policy level to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing, fisheries crime and fisheries related crimes based on the existing international best practice in line with UNCLOS and the principle of due legal process;

2. Enhancing efforts and measures to promote responsible fishing practices and to combat IUU fishing, fisheries crime and fisheries related crimes through information sharing, capacity building activities, and sharing best practices on combating IUU fishing, fisheries crime and fisheries related crimes with particular focus on multidisciplinary and inter-agency cooperation;

3. Exploring possible joint initiatives in international organizations to combat IUU fishing and fisheries crime, and to promote sustainable fisheries governance.

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