

Plans on Running SS6 of FAD Management

Dear Colleagues,

The 6th Special Session of the IOTC is just around the corner, and I would first like to thank the government of Kenya for hosting this very important meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my plans on running the meeting. As we will only have three days to complete our task while there is no merged text on which we can discuss, efficiency is crucial.

As per the agreement at the HOD meeting in November, I produced two comparative tables on DFADs and AFADS, respectively to facilitate focused discussions. The purpose of the tables is to present major elements of the proposals at a glance so that we do not need to shift from one proposal to another. I took the liberty to categorize the elements for ease of reference.

I intend to run the meeting as follows:

1. I will start by inviting the proponents (Prop A to D) to walk the delegations through their proposals and will take questions from the floor.
2. The Delegates will be invited to address the two questions before getting into in-depth discussions on the proposals to determine the general direction in which the meeting needs to go.
 - Do we agree on a complete ban on DFADs on the high seas (Prop B)?
 - Do we agree on having separate resolutions on DFADs and AFADS?
3. After all the proposals have been introduced, the delegates will be invited to discuss each element of the table to make high-level decisions.
4. Once high-level agreements have been reached on individual elements, a drafting group will be formed to bring the agreed points into text after the session. This text will be reviewed, revised if necessary and confirmed at the plenary.

These plans of course can be changed during the meeting in an attempt to gain greater efficiency, but I would like to count on your keen involvement and compromise to get optimum results.

I look forward to seeing you in Mombasa.

Best regards,

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Chair of the IOTC