





### ***Background material***

In paragraph 66 of resolution 76/71, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to invite States parties to the Agreement, as well as States, and entities referred to in the Convention and in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, not parties to the Agreement and others invited to participate in the consultations as observers pursuant to paragraph 62 of the resolution, to submit their views on the implementation of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management

Division, and requested the Division to post such views, unedited and in the languages in which they are received, on its website, in accordance with past practice. Contributions received pursuant to this request, as well as other information and documentation, are available on the DOALOS website at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/fish\\_stocks\\_agreement\\_states\\_parties.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fish_stocks_agreement_states_parties.htm).

### ***Side events***

Requests to hold side events during the Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement must be communicated in writing to the Secretariat preferably no later than 15 April 2022. All requests should be addressed to the Secretary of the Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement ([doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org)) with an indication of the title, organizing institution(s) and preferred date for the event.

from 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm. Owing to the limited number of time slots available, the Division may not be able to accommodate all requests for side events or preferred dates. It, therefore, reserves the right to suggest the organization of joint side events should competing requests be received for the same day. Should the number of requests exceed the number of available days, the Division may also exercise its discretion in selecting side events with a view to ensuring variety in the topics covered by the side events.

### ***Assistance Fund under Part VII***

The Assistance Fund under Part VII of the Agreement has been depleted since October 2016. Thus, absent further contribution to the Assistance Fund, the Secretariat will not be in a position to accept applications to defer the cost of travel for representatives of States Parties to the Agreement. In this regard, attention is drawn to paragraph 52 of resolution 76/71, in which

institutions, national institutions and non-governmental organizations, as well as natural and juridical persons, to make voluntary financial contributions to the Assistance Fund established

Additional information on the Part VII Assistance Fund is available at:

