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TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

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The UN/CEFACT Plenary approved the revised Mandate and Terms of Reference of this group (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/16/Rev.2) and renewed its mandate for another two-year period, Plenary Decision 19-20 of 9 April 2019.ⁱ

The document was then presented to the 105th meeting of the Economic Commission for Europe’s Executive Committee on 29 May 2019 where it was approved (ECE/EX/2019/L.6).

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Document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/16 was approved by the twenty-third UN/CEFACT Plenary in 2017, and at the EXCOM request, it was slightly amended and approved as ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/16/Rev.1.

After discussion, the Secretariat and the UN/CEFACT Plenary Bureau, took note of the need to align the Terms of Reference of the Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries with the Guidelines for the establishment and functioning of Teams of Specialists within UNECE (ECE/EX/2/Rev.1).

Document ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2017/16/Rev.2 is submitted to the twenty-fifth session of the UN/CEFACT Plenary for approval.

A. Mandate

1. The establishment of a Sustainable Fisheries User Community was proposed at the 27th UN/CEFACT Forum on 27 April 2016 in Geneva. The Agricultural Domain of the UN/CEFACT supported and approved this proposal and decided to create the community as a Team of Specialists.

B. Objectives and activities

2. The objective of the Team of Specialists is to promote, facilitate and support the implementation of the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards on a global scale.

3. To achieve this objective, the Team of Specialists will:

- (a) Actively promote the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards at both policy and technical level;
- (b) Share experiences on the implementation of the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards;
- (c) Develop and share best practices;
- (d) Advise and assist on implementation issues of the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards;
- (e) Proposes changes to the standard to the Agricultural Domain.

C. Composition, its membership and participation in its meetings

4. The Team of Specialists will be composed of specialists with the collective expertise to address the specific tasks defined for it and should be drawn from:

- (a) Governmental institutions;
- (b) Business;
- (c) Civil society;
- (d) Consumer organizations; and
- (e) International organizations.

5. Participation in the Team of Specialists will be on a voluntary basis. All members of the Team of Specialists must register as experts of UN/CEFACT, in accordance with relevant procedures.

6. The Team of Specialists appoints its officers: a Chairperson and, if deemed necessary, one or two Vice-Chairpersons.

7. The Team of Specialists will meet virtually at least once every two months, and face-to-face at least once per year, preferably in conjunction with an official UN/CEFACT meeting such as the Forum.

8. The Team of Specialists can establish sub-groups of specialists to prepare projects requiring specific expertise, which are expected to become a part of general activities of the Team of Specialists.

9. The UNECE Secretariat provides necessary support to the Team of Specialists and its sub-groups within available resources.

D. Reporting

10. The Team of Specialists will report to the UN/CEFACT Plenary on an annual basis and will keep the UN/CEFACT Plenary Bureau informed of its activities.
