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AGENDA

CPPS in collaboration with UNEP and WWF presents an informative session following the symposium of Guayaquil 29-30 July, 2009.

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA FOR FISHERIES SUBSIDIES: THE LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN CONTEXT

September 23, 2009 — WTO Room B, Geneva, Switzerland

14h00

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ambassador Eduardo Sperisen, Chair of the GRULAC

Alfonso Jalil, Director of Economic Affairs, Permanent Commissions for the South Pacific.

Overview of the Symposium: Objectives, Order of Discussion and Ground Rules

14h20 SESSION I

**Fisheries Subsidies:
The Stakes for Latin America and The Caribbean**

Fisheries subsidies are known to have significant impacts on competitiveness, livelihoods, and sustainability within the fishing sector globally. Developing countries in particular face the impacts of subsidies from richer nations, and must also confront the potential effects of their own subsidies on themselves and on each other. A new case study focused on the tuna industry of Ecuador presents an opportunity to examine the regional stakes.

Introduction: Global and Regional Context

Fisheries Subsidies: A Global Overview

Anja von Moltke, Oficial de Asuntos Económicos, PNUMA Economic and Trade Branch

Fisheries Subsidies in Latin America: Foreign Pressures, Domestic Challenges

Alfonso Jalil Álvarez, Director of Economic Affairs, CPPS (Presentation in Spanish)

Case Study:

Subsidies, Sustainability and Trade: A UNEP-CPPS Case of the Ecuadoran Tuna Industry

Ivan Prieto, UNEP/CPPS consultant (Presentation in Spanish)

Special and Differential Treatment- topic that would be addressed on the session of the Group of Rules a day after this workshop-is one of the key issues during the negotiations of Fisheries Subsidies within WTO. During these negotiations-issues related to sustainability and free trade will also come out. What should be the limits and conditions of special and differential treatment that developing countries can compromise in order to give the economic incentives needed, without causing overfishing and unfair south-south competition? The Text of the President of November 2007, is a starting point, however, it does not provide all the answers. The 2007 UNEP-WWF publication *Sustainability Criteria for Fisheries Subsidies: Options for the WTO and Beyond* will be compared with the Text of the President and a follow up of the discussions at a regional level that took place during the UNEP-WWF workshop (in collaboration of CPPS and the Government of Ecuador) in Guayaquil on July 2009. (Material of the symposium is available at <http://www.unep.ch/etb/areas/fisherySub.php>)

Presentation:

Special and Differential Treatment and Sustainability Criteria for Fisheries Subsidies in the The Chair's Text

David K. Schorr, Senior Fellow, WWF

General Discussion