



On 25 February, Mr Kim, Vice Minister of Oceans and Fisheries and Ms Evans chaired a high level meeting to discuss the current state of play of the IUU dialogue process and possible future cooperation areas. After KOR presentation of its main progress in the fight against IUU fishing, COM congratulated KOR for the cornerstone reforms of fisheries system and encouraged its authorities to plan an effective implementation. COM expressed the satisfaction with the progress made and explained the next steps in the dialogue process until the possible COM decision on the revocation of the pre-identification status of KOR. In the afternoon, a courtesy call was held between Mr Yoo, nominee Minister of Oceans and Fisheries and Ms Evans. KOR thanked the support received by the COM during the difficult process of revision of the fisheries system and expressed their interest in reinforcing bilateral cooperation in a near future beyond IUU fishing matters. COM highlighted the positive momentum to look for common areas of interest to work together in the international scene leading a new phase in oceans governance.

## **2. Technical Meeting held on 24 February 2015**

The agreed agenda contained the following points: legal framework (subordinate rules and regulations); MCS (implementation of Inspection Plan and vessels on high risk of being involved in IUU fishing activities, observer program improvements, progress on VDS); and CC scheme and new risks.

KOR handed out non-papers on each item of the agenda (see attachment).

COM congratulated Korea for last administrative and legal reforms, in particular the adoption of the new legal framework, and emphasised that the most relevant action is the change in the fisheries governance political approach.

- **Legal framework (subordinate rules and regulations)**

KOR clarified the timeframe for the adoption of the subordinate rules and regulations after the adoption of the revised Distant Waters Fisheries Development Act (DWFD Act) last December 2014. Pending the entry into force of this legal text on 7 July 2015, KOR is working on a consistent revision of subordinate rules to be able to implement them by the same date. KOR informed that Draft implementation acts are going through administrative procedures.

COM highlighted the importance of ensuring coherence between main Act and the subordinated regulations,

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- **Catch Certification Scheme and new risks**

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### **3. High level meeting held on 25 February 2015**

The discussions followed the agenda previously agreed: presentation of the actions carried out by KOR to address the shortcomings identified by the COM; assessment by COM of the progress made by KOR since the pre-identification decision; explanation by COM of the next steps within the IUU dialogue; and reflection on future cooperation EU-KOR on fisheries and maritime affairs.

KOR provided an overview of the progress made to fight IUU fishing activities since November 2013 pre-identification COM Decision (A report about the Past, Present and Future in the Korea's fight against IUU fishing was handed out, see attachment).

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Enclosures:            **Annex 1 – Agenda of the KOR Mission**  
                                 **Annex 2 – List of exhibits received during the KOR Mission**

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