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Board Circular

Board Circular No. 1

ID: BC-01_2018

Requested by: FiTI Chair
Submitted by: FiTI International Secretariat
Submitted on: 17.10.2018
Decided on: 01.11.2018

Preamble

According to the Terms of Reference of the FiTI International Board, Version 10 July 2017¹, *“the FiTI International Board shall make decisions outside Board Meetings, especially for routine decisions that need to be passed between Board Meetings, based on Board Circulars.”*

Furthermore, *„circulars will be submitted to Board members, allowing for sufficient time (at least one week) to respond to the FiTI International Secretariat. The Board Circular will be made publicly available. Board members must reply to a Board Circular in writing. Each decision stemming from a Board Circular will be recorded by the FiTI International Secretariat in a Circular Protocol, under the supervision of the FiTI Chair. The Circular Protocol will be made publicly available.”*

“Under Board Circulars decisions are made by a qualified majority of 12 votes to be cast in favour of the decision, with at least three Board Members from each stakeholder group.”

Purpose of this Circular

The purpose of this Circular is to address an upcoming change in the composition of the FiTI International Board.

Decision required: Change in composition of FiTI International Board

On 28 August 2018, the FiTI Chair has been officially informed by Ms. Gunilla Tegelskär Greig, Senior Analyst International Affairs, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, that starting 1 September 2018, Gunilla will start a new position at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Therefore, Gunilla can no longer serve as a Country representative on the Board of the FiTI and must therefore resign.

In case a Board member can no longer serve on the International Board, the Terms of Reference state the following (§6 (4) – Vacancies):

- 1. In case of a vacancy on the FiTI International Board between Members’ Meetings, due to resignation or removal of a Board Member, the vacancy shall be filled by the former Board Member’s Alternate. The concerned stakeholder group shall nominate a new Alternate to be elected by the International Board.*
- 2. If there is no Alternate, the relevant stakeholder group shall nominate a new Board Member to be elected by the FiTI International Board.*

¹ http://fisheriestransparency.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/FiTI_IB_ToRs_EN_20170623.pdf

As of today, Board Members do not have designated individual Alternates, and – except for the stakeholder group of civil society – the Board does not comprise of Alternates in general. Therefore, in accordance with No. 2, the stakeholder group of Countries shall nominate a new Board Member to be elected by the FiTI International Board.

Furthermore, *“Membership of the FiTI International Board is personal and not institutional. Therefore, Board Members act in their personal capacity, as reflecting the perspectives of their stakeholder group, to which they are accountable. Board Members do not represent their own organization, company, or government.”*² Thus, an outgoing Board member cannot be simply replaced by someone else from his/her organisation.

However, taken into consideration the challenges of recruiting Country representatives over the last months and ensuring a continuation of knowledge and experiences at this crucial time for the FiTI, Gunilla informed the FiTI Chair about the possibility that her colleague, Ms. Ylva Mattsson can serve as her temporary replacement in the FiTI International Board. Ms Mattsson and Gunilla work both in the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. Ms. Mattsson’s CV can be found as a separate document attached to the circular.

Following the official process outlined in the Terms of Reference, the FiTI International Secretariat has contacted the current members of the stakeholder Group of Countries (i.e., Philippe Michaud, Abass Sylla, Mas Achmad Santosa) regarding this matter. Philippe and Abass both agreed to nominate Ms. Mattsson as a new Board member to be elected by the FiTI International Board. Mas Achmad did not reply.

The FiTI Chair has therefore mandated the FiTI International Secretariat to issue this circular and request the following decision from the Board:

Decision required_#1: Should Ms Ylva Mattsson, Senior Analyst / International Affairs of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, replace Ms. Gunilla Greig during her temporary assignment to the FAO?

Board Members are requested to **reply briefly in writing (via Email)** to this Circular no later than Friday, **26 October 2018** in order to inform the International Secretariat about their decision.

The FiTI Chair would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gunilla for her dedication, leadership and enthusiasm and wishes her all the best for her new assignment.

² §4 (1), Terms of Reference for the FiTI International Board, Version 10 July 2017

Results protocol: Approval of Circular

According to the Terms of Reference, the following requirements and procedures for decision-making of Board Circular apply (§6 (5)): *“Under Board Circulars decisions are made by a qualified majority of 12 votes to be cast in favour of the decision, with at least three Board Members from each stakeholder group.”*

The Board Circular was sent on Thursday, 18 October 2018 to all Board Members. The following results were recorded:

Name:	Stakeholder Group:	Sent on:	Responded on:	Decision:
Tegelskär Greig, Gunilla	Country		28.08.2018	Yes
Michaud, Philippe	Country	18.10.2018	19.10.2018	Yes
Sylla, Abass	Country	18.10.2018	20.10.2018	Yes
Santosa, Mas Achmad	Country	18.10.2018		
Bernales, Ricardo	Business	18.10.2018	20.10.2018	Yes
Biryukov, Alexander	Business	18.10.2018	18.10.2018	Yes
Leotte, Francisco	Business	18.10.2018	19.10.2018	Yes
Gueye, Gaoussou	Business	18.10.2018	21.10.2018	Yes
Hadiwinata, Ahmad Marthin	Business	18.10.2018		
Cornax, María José	Civil Society	18.10.2018	18.10.2018	Yes
Losada, Sebastian	Civil Society	18.10.2018	18.10.2018	Yes
Mari, Francisco	Civil Society	18.10.2018		
Nech, Nedwa Moctar	Civil Society	18.10.2018	21.10.2018	Yes
Schumm, Alfred	Civil Society	18.10.2018	26.10.2018	Yes
Rolon, Eduardo	Civil Society	18.10.2018	20.10.2018	Yes

Approval of Circular - Rule I: Total of 12 'Yes' responses:

12

Approval of Circular - Rule II: At least 3x 'Yes' from stakeholder group 'Country':

3

At least 3x 'Yes' from stakeholder group 'Business':

4

At least 3x 'Yes' from stakeholder group 'Civil Society':

5

Based on these responses, the following decision has been determined:

Decision [BC-01_2018_D-01]:

The International Board approves the appointment of Ms. Ylva Mattsson, Senior Analyst / International Affairs of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management as a new Member of the International Board (stakeholder group 'Country'), replacing Ms. Gunilla Tegelskär Greig during her temporary assignment to the FAO.