



CCSBT-EC/2210/14

Relationship with Non-Members

Purpose

To provide an update concerning discussion or issues with Non-Member and Non-CNM (Cooperating Non-Member) States/Entities.

Identification of States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT, for consideration at CCSBT 29

CCSBT 18 agreed that the following process would be used for nominating States that have or are likely to become important port or market States for SBT:

- Members nominate important States whose cooperation is desired, together with background information supporting that nomination and provide this information to the Executive Secretary at least 6 weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- The Executive Secretary incorporates this information in the Secretariat's agenda paper for the standing agenda item on "Relationship with Non-Members" for consideration by the Extended Commission.
- With the Extended Commission's endorsement, the Executive Secretary write to the nominated State(s) seeking their cooperation.
- The nominating Member follow-up the Executive Secretary's letter with bilateral discussion. This is an important step because experience has shown that many States do not respond to written communication.

No nominations were provided to the Secretariat in advance of CCSBT 29.

Interactions with Non-Members

In accordance with the decision of CCSBT 28, the Secretariat has invited China, Fiji, Mauritius, Singapore and the USA to attend the October 2022 Annual Meetings of the Compliance Committee and the Extended Commission. The letters of invitation are provided at **Attachments A to E**. The Secretariat sent invitation reminders to all these non-Members on 5 August 2022.

In its invitation to China, the Secretariat included a reminder to China for CCSBT's query on implementation of China's regulations concerning SBT and China's monitoring of the compliance of its vessels. As at the time of finalising this paper, no response had been received from China in relation to the request for this information.

There has been additional interaction between the CCSBT Secretariat and non-Member States in the compliance area, particularly the USA's continued cooperation with the CCSBT's CDS. Interactions with non-Members and other organisations in the compliance area are reported in papers CCSBT-CC/2210/14 and 15 respectively.

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