

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES

(CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN)

The Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, Ms Julie Bishop asked the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 23 June 2003:

- (1) How does the Convention provide for the participation of Taiwan in the convention?

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - the answer to the question is as follows:

The Convention provides in paragraph 2 of Article 9 for the participation of fishing entities that have agreed to be bound by the Convention.

The member of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, Senator Tchen asked the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade upon notice on 23 June 2003:

- (2) What is a fishing entity?

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - the answer to the question is as follows:

A fishing entity is an entity on the international plane other than a State which takes on international responsibility for the fishing vessels listed in its register. The participation of such entities in the work of regional fisheries conventions is recognised in paragraph 3 of Article 1 of the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.