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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex – 4

Decision Document on

The Status of Brunei Darussalam as A New Member State of CTI-CFF

The 11th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)

2 - 3 December 2015

**The Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center
(the CTI Learning Center) Building
Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

Adopted on 3rd December 2015

by

**the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

The process of application for Brunei Darussalam to be a new member state was discussed during the 9th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-9) in 2013 which was held in Manila, Philippines. During the Special SOM which was held on 14th May 2014 in Manado, Indonesia, it was agreed that Brunei Darussalam be granted the status as an observer.

During SOM-10 held on 7th November 2014 in Dili, Timor-Leste, the meeting acknowledged the progress made by Brunei Darussalam to comply with the necessary requirements based on Rule 21 of the CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures.

Since then, there have been several communications made between the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei; the Chair of the Council of Ministers (CTI-COM); and the Regional Secretariat. Initially, Brunei has submitted a Letter of Interest dated on 13th January 2015 and re-affirmed its interest by submitting another letter on 27th April 2015.

In response to this request, the Regional Secretariat has circulated a letter to the CTI-COM that there were no objections raised by CTI-COM members on the proposal to accept Brunei Darussalam as a new member state of CTI-CFF. Regional Secretariat informed the CTI-COM that Brunei Darussalam have met with all the requirements set in Rule 21 ("New CTI-CFF Party") of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure; and proposed that Brunei Darussalam be accepted as a Party / Member State of CTI-CFF.

However, the acceptance and endorsement of Brunei Darussalam into CTI-CFF is subject to Brunei's adoption of the CTI Leaders' Declaration on CTI-CFF which was signed on 15th May 2009; and their submission of the Instrument of Accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

II. Decision

With reference to the presentations made by the Regional Secretariat and the subsequent deliberations, the Senior Officials, proposed the following decision:

Endorsed Brunei Darussalam as a new member of CTI-CFF subject to the submission of the Head of State's adoption to the CTI Leaders' Declaration on CTI-CFF; and the submission of the Instrument of Accession to the

Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to the Depository.

Attachment:

Attachment 4.1 Presentation of the Status of Acceptance of Brunei Darussalam as a New Member Country of CTI-CFF.