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As part of the review proceedings, the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (“Organisation”) submitted written information, documents and materials; the Russian Federation submitted its written memorandum and documentation; and Chinese Taipei, the European Union, New Zealand, the Republic of Chile and the Republic of Peru each submitted a written memorandum. The written phase of the proceedings was followed by a hearing held in the Peace Palace on 26 June 2023. Delegations from the Republic of Chile, Chinese Taipei, and the Russian Federation attended the hearing in person. In addition, delegations from the People’s Republic of China, the Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands, the Republic of Peru, and the Organisation attended the hearing remotely. Oral interventions were made by representatives of the Republic of Chile and the Russian Federation.

The Organisation, established under the Convention, is an inter-governmental organisation committed to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources of the South Pacific Ocean. The Organisation consists of a Commission and subsidiary bodies. At present, the Commission comprises 17 Members: the Commonwealth of Australia, Belize, Chile, China, the Cook Islands, the Republic of Cuba, Ecuador, the European Union, the Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Republic of Panama, the Republic of Peru, the Russian Federation, Chinese Taipei, the United States of America, and the Republic of Vanuatu. The Organisation also has two Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (“CNCPs”): Curaçao and the Republic of Liberia.

One of the species managed by the Organisation is *Trachurus murphyi*, and since 2013, the Commission has adopted a Conservation and Management Measure (“CMM”) for *Trachurus murphyi* annually. Each CMM sets out the total allowable catch for *Trachurus murphyi* and the allocations for each Commission member and CNCP participating in *Trachurus murphyi* fishery for the year. Pursuant to Article 17 and Annex II of the Convention, Commission members may have their objections to Commission decisions, including the CMMs, reviewed by a Review Panel within established time limits. These are the third proceedings of their kind under the Convention.

Further information on these proceedings, including the Review Panel’s Findings and Recommendations and other documents, can be found at [https://pca-cpa.org/en/cases/293/](https://pca-cpa.org/en/cases/293/).

**Background on the Permanent Court of Arbitration**

The Permanent Court of Arbitration is an intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 122 Contracting Parties. Headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, the PCA facilitates arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding, and other dispute resolution proceedings among various combinations of States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties. The PCA’s International Bureau is currently administering 4 inter-state proceedings, 2 other inter-State proceedings, 111 arbitrations arising under bilateral or multilateral investment treaties or national investment laws, and 86 cases arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity.

More information about the PCA can be found at [www.pca-cpa.org](http://www.pca-cpa.org).

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