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QUESTIONS POSED BY AUSTRALIA REGARDING THE NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION[1]

The following communication, dated 30 August 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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Page 11, Amur region, Implementation of Investment Projects

- Could Russia please clarify and provide more information on the type of "organizations" which are the recipients of the tax exemptions, state guarantees and grants?
- Could Russia also elaborate on the eligibility criteria of investment projects for subsidies?

Page 16, Kamchatsky Krai, "On property tax for certain organizations in Kamchatka"

This programme provides support for fishermen facing negative consequences from the auctioning of fish quotas. This programme provides for renewal and modernization of fishing fleets.

- Could Russia please clarify the eligibility criteria for such support?
- Could Russia also clarify the mechanism for the auctioning of the quotas?
- Could Russia please clarify what types of fishing vessels qualify for this assistance? For example, are vessels engaged in marine wild capture fishing eligible?

Page 21, Murmansk region, Support of fishery industry

- Could Russia please clarify the eligibility criteria for such support?
- Does this include enterprises engaged in marine wild capture fishing?

Page 25, Primorsky Krai, Support of fishery and fish processing

- Could Russia please elaborate on how this support is intended to increase production capacities? For example, does the support relate to the size of fishing vessels or their engine capacities? Is this related to fish processing production capacity?

Page 27, Tatarstan Republic, Improvement of investment climate of the region

- Could Russia clarify whether the fish and fish processing industries are the specific sectors which benefit under this programme? Are other industry sectors eligible?
- Could Russia also provide more information on the eligibility criteria for receipt of the tax incentives?

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Page 27, Volgograd region, "Support of hunting and fisheries in the Volgograd region"

- Could Russia provide more information on the eligibility criteria for the receipt of grants to this sector?

- What types of organizations engaged in fisheries qualify for grants?

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