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**PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMISSION  
FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF  
HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN  
AND CENTRAL PACIFIC**

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**PROPOSAL OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO RULE 35 OF THE REVISED  
DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE  
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN  
THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN**

(Submitted by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Dear Mr Chairman,

Further to our previous letters and statements as well as to consultation with participating states held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation intersessionally and by the Russian delegation at this PrepCon we would like to propose to Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure the following:

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1. The following may participate as observers in the Commission:
  - (a) States, entities and fishing entities that participated in the Multilateral High-Level Conference on the Conservation and Management of the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific, which are not members of the Commission;

Proposed amendment shall read:

- (b) **States, entities and fishing entities that participated in the Preparatory Conference on the Conservation and Management of the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, which are not members of the Commission;**

Head of Delegation  
Leonid I. Kholod

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