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**UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PORT INSPECTION EXPERT GROUP FOR
CAPACITY BUILDING AND ASSISTANCE**

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As a follow-up to the latest meeting held in February 2020, the Group had several exchanges to finalise the English version of the manual on ICCAT Port State Measures and, on this basis, to review and agree on the French and Spanish translations. The Manual is attached in **Appendix 1**.

Due to the Covid-19 situation, it was not possible to organise in country assessment missions and training in Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria ("Group A" CPCs) as originally scheduled. However, under the EU funded PESCAO Project, the European Fisheries Control Agency plans to organise, in partnership with FCWC, an online training session for Nigeria by the end of 2021 including a module on ICCAT Port State Measures. A similar event may be organised in 2022 for Côte d'Ivoire depending on the specific training needs expressed by this CPC.

The Secretariat has presented a capsule for Phase II of the ABNJ to request additional funding for Port Inspection training. If approved, the Secretariat will liaise with the FAO and ICCAT CPCs in order to use these funds as effectively as possible by providing modules in conjunction with existing basis Port Inspection Training.